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# HUNDREDS ARE DENIED THEIR SCHOOL CHOICE

## County council denies primary closures to blame

MORE than 450 children failed to get primary school places of their choice this year – prompting fears the county council was too hasty with its schools closure programme.

Figures passed to Kent on Sunday reveal the number of children not being awarded any of their three choices of school nearly doubled in the past two years from 1.8 to 3.2 per cent.

Peter Read, an independent education advisor working in the county, said some parents are being offered a school for their four-year-olds miles from their homes.

He said: "Parents are feeling bewildered and angry – they just can't understand why it is happening. Children in rural areas are suffering most from this."

Last year, KCC closed and amalgamated 21 schools across the county in its controversial primary school strategy.

Critics of the strategy included Michael Howard MP, the former Tory leader, who described the rationale behind the plans as "perverse" and

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accused the county council of misleading the public.

This week, the authority denied there was a link between the strategy and the rise in families unable to get places at any school of their choice.

Dr Ian Craig, director of children's services, said there were still too many places in Kent primary schools. 10,000 remain free, he said.

"This is about parents' views of a popular school," he said. "The fact that parents are told to express which school they prefer means they will tend to apply for the popular schools and more people are applying for them than there are places."

Government legislation prevents

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## Opik takes town hall leader to task over tower row

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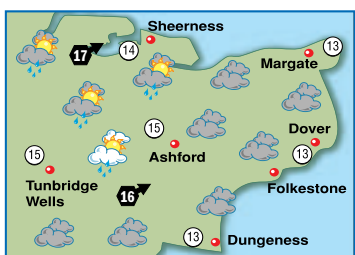
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## Kent today



**TODAY:** Cloudy with showers, some heavy. The evening will become drier and clearer. Moderate south-westerly winds. Max temp 13-16C (55-61F).

**TONIGHT:** Mostly dry with variable cloud cover and clear intervals. Moderate south-westerly winds. Min temp 6-9C (43-48F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	13	55	London	showers	13	55
Belfast	showers	15	59	Liverpool	rain	16	61
Birmingham	showers	15	59	Manchester	rain	14	57
B'mouth	rain	14	57	Newcastle	rain	12	54
Bristol	showers	12	54	Norwich	rain	17	63
Cardiff	showers	14	57	Oxford	rain	15	59
Cork	rain	12	54	Southsea	rain	14	57
Edinburgh	cloudy	15	59	S'hampton	showers	13	55
Glasgow	cloudy	14	57	Southport	sun	-	-
Isle of Man	fair	13	55	Swansea	rain	12	54
Leeds	rain	13	55	Torquay	rain	13	55

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	5.34am	Sunset	8.13pm
Moonrise	2.25am	Moonsset	9.58am
		Lighting up times:	8.13pm to 5.32am

## High Tides

	today		tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	03.25 5.5	16.01 5.5	04.30 5.2
Margate	04.46 4.0	16.48 4.0	05.45 3.8
St Mary's	09.25 4.3	21.56 4.4	10.27 4.1

## Week ahead

	<b>monday</b> A few showers. max 13C min 7C		<b>thursday</b> Mostly dry. max 13C min 8C
	<b>tuesday</b> Heavy rain. max 11C min 7C		<b>friday</b> Patchy rain. max 13C min 8C
	<b>wednesday</b> Showers. max 12C min 7C		<b>saturday</b> Mostly dry. max 15C min 9C

# Homes growth threat as builders stop work

GOVERNMENT targets for the Thames Gateway are under threat after the country's biggest housebuilder suspended work on new projects due to a shortage of mortgage funds.

Persimmon announced on Thursday that it had frozen plans for new builds until market conditions improve.

The company revealed sales on new homes were down 24 per cent and blamed an "unprecedented tightening" in the lending market.

More than 45,000 new homes have been built so far in the Thames Gateway and the Prime Minister Gordon Brown has promised to deliver 160,000 by 2016.

A spokesman for the Department of Communities and Local Government played down fears targets would not be met despite Persimmon's warning that new homes built could fall by nearly a third this year.

"The continuing demand for homes from young families and first-time buyers, and our fundamentally strong and stable economy, with record numbers of people in work, mean the conditions are right for a healthy house-building industry in the longer term."

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"Therefore, it is essential – and in their own interest – for housebuilders to base their decisions on the economic fundamentals and longer-term trends," he said.

But industry insiders have warned more developers could follow Persimmon's lead.

Medway is the biggest area earmarked for regeneration in the Thames Gateway and 16,000 new homes are planned.

## Fluctuations

A spokesman for the Medway Renaissance programme, set up by Medway Council, said Persimmon's current project at Medway Gate, Coxton, was underway and would continue until it was completed.

"Our flagship project Rochester Riverside, which will provide 2,000 new homes, is not going to start for another year. Any economic slowdown is cause for concern but we do not feel affected by this for the moment," he said.

Ashford has been cited as a growth area and 31,000 new homes are planned by 2031.

A spokesman for the town's borough council said Persimmon was already involved in a number of projects in Ashford and these would

continue – not affecting any immediate targets.

He said: "There is no reason for alarm. The current housing downturn is unlikely to significantly affect the planned expansion of Ashford in the long term."

"We have a 30-year growth period and there are bound to be fluctuations in the market which will affect the speed of growth during this time".

He said the council's planners were not "unduly concerned" about the current state of the market.

The credit crunch has meant banks and building societies have increased rates on some of their most popular mortgages, withdrawn offers, tightened lending criteria and demanded bigger deposits.

The number of mortgage approvals in the UK during March was 46 per cent lower than last year, figures published this week showed.

But as our sister paper YourAshford reported this week, estate agents in the town are still seeing a demand from first-time buyers.

And improvements to transport links, including the new high-speed rail link, and the new shopping centre are pushing up the buy-to-let sector in Ashford.

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# 'It is difficult to win'

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more than 30 children being in a reception class.

Mr Read said this made it even harder for parents to appeal against KCC's decisions on primary school places.

"It is very difficult to win because of primary school legislation," he said. "Schools cannot put additional children into primary school unless there are specific reasons."

When parents make their list of preferred schools KCC gives priority to places, first, if the child has a sibling at the same school and second, based on how close the family live to the school.

This means families living close to a popular village primary school could be left traveling further if many of the places are taken up by children with siblings at the school.

Dr Craig admitted it is a complicated system and some parents feel they are missing out.

But he said the decision to shut schools, including five primary schools, had made no difference to the process.

In fact, he said, the National Audit Office penalises local authorities operating at above the 10 per cent extra school places recommended as the maximum by the Department of Children, Schools and Families.

Cllr Mark Dance, KCC's cabinet member for

education, said: "The figures show a significant increase in numbers of pupils receiving their first preference, up by more than 300 in real terms. The number of those offered the second preference is also up by almost 120 pupils."

"It is not surprising that when the cohort size increases by almost 700 pupils the more popular schools will receive greater interest and the number of those disappointed will increase."

Dr Craig said the authority knew it would have to cater for 700 extra pupils this year because of birth rates.

He said the number of children applying for primary school places in the country will rise again next year but will then start to drop until 2022 when there will be another surge, according to projections.

"I know someone could say 'my child could have gone to that school [if it was still open]'. But we only closed schools where there were plenty of surplus spaces."

"You can always find an example but they are few and far between and as a general rule there is not a link," he added.

Five schools, Hothfield Village Primary School, The Ripple School in Deal, Doddington Primary School, Detling School, and St Luke's School in Tunbridge Wells, were closed last year. A further 17 were amalgamated.

# Drivers braced for fuel hikes

CAR drivers could be spending up to an extra £20 a month at the petrol pumps by September, it is claimed.

And lorry firms could see fuel bills rocket by thousands of pounds, says the boss of a Kent removal and logistics company.

Chrissie Richards, director of The Talking Truck Company in Maidstone, said: "Petrol could reach £1.50 per litre by as early as September, as world oil prices continue to surge to record highs. For many people, this can mean typically spending another £10 or £20 per month on fuel."

"But for transportation and removal companies such as ours, it can add thousands of pounds per month to our fuel bill."

Her comments came as motorists around Kent were facing pump prices of up to £1.12 a litre of unleaded petrol, with retailers blaming the rises on increases in international oil prices.

The Petrol Retailers' Association said prices were rising because of market forces – the big problem, it said, was that fuel buyers were paying about 70p in tax in every pound spent at the pumps.

The Association of British Drivers said tax levels on petrol was "disgracefully high."

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**MUSIC STARS:**  
The Parlotones  
are big supporters  
of Port Lympne

# Animal appeal lures South African rockers

By **PHIL REILLY**

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HAVING grown up in South Africa, indie rockers The Parlotones know a thing or two about wild animals.

It is precisely because they have grown up just minutes away from the African wilderness that the band paid a visit to Port Lympne Wild Animal Park this week, where the protection of endangered animals is paramount.

Singer Kahn Morbee, from Johannesburg, told Kent on Sunday they wanted to lend their support to the park's efforts.

He said it takes just a 10-minute drive from his home to find lion and rhino parks.

He said: "What's cool about [Port Lympne] is that they focus on endangered species and that the intention is to release them back into their natural habitats."

"Whenever you go to a game farm now you see a lot of buck and zebra, but to see the bigger game is quite rare. I don't know if it's because of poaching or because they are nearing extinction anyway."

He said a common practice in South

Africa has been to see 'canned lions', where the animals are kept in a restrictive space for tourists to hunt them.

"I don't know if it's still going on but it was a big problem at one stage," he added.

The Parlotones are in the middle of a UK tour promoting their new album Radio Controlled Robot.

It is the eighth time they've come to the UK and Morbee said they use Ashford as their base.

He continued: "It's kind of our home away from home now."

"When I was younger my only real perception of the UK was of London and just that it was a big city. I was quite surprised to see a whole lot of countryside."

"Kent is very, very pretty, obviously in a different way to South Africa."

Morbee said playing in the UK was "humbling" as they are used to their massive South African fanbase.

Even then, he admitted that the country's relatively small music scene means that they only play 500-1,000 capacity shows.

The biggest music festivals attract crowds of 20,000, compared with the 100,000 plus that go to Glastonbury or the Reading and Leeds festivals.

"Unfortunately we're not playing Glastonbury this year, it sounds like it's

quite something," he added. "We are playing festivals in Ireland and Switzerland, but maybe we can play Glastonbury in the future."

Remote Controlled Robots is out now from Universal Records.

## Tory Howard's free Saga cruise

FORMER Tory leader Michael Howard enjoyed his second free Saga cruise in a year, while other Kent MPs jetted off around the world.

The MPs' Register of Interests, published this week, show Mr Howard and his wife were flown to Tahiti by the over-50s holiday and insurance firm in February before boarding a cruise ship bound for New Zealand.

The MP for Folkestone and Hythe was also taken on a Saga cruise around America last spring. He gave speeches on both cruises.

Roger Gale, Conservative MP for North Thanet, was flown to the Morphou Rally in Cyprus last October courtesy of the Municipality of Morphou.

His South Thanet Labour counterpart Stephen Ladyman was the county's biggest jetsetter. Since the last register was published in October he has visited China, India, Israel and Palestine.

The register also revealed that six Kent MPs employ family members to work for them.

Mr Gale, Mr Howard, Dr Ladyman, Canterbury MP Julian Brazier, Old Bexley and Sidcup MP Derek Conway and Dartford MP Howard Stoute all employ their wives.

MPs have not previously been required to reveal this information.

## Big screen hits

KENT filmmakers have been celebrating after sweeping the boards at the London Independent Film Festival.

The top prize – Best UK Feature Film – went to Ruby Blue, a love story starring Bob Hoskins and made by Medb Films based in Ramsgate.

Written and directed by Jan Dunn the film also scooped the Grand Jury Prize at the Washington DC Independent Film Festival last month.

Elaine Wickham, from Medb Films, won the Jury Prize for Best Short, for her debut My Mother at the capital's indie film festival.

Margate resident Simon Welsford's film Jetsam, which was filmed on the east coast of Kent, won Best No Budget Feature Film.

Ms Dunn, of Medb Films, said: "It was fantastic to win, particularly because the prize is a considerable amount of post-production facilities to technically complete the next film."

The filmmakers are still looking for £75,000 to finish The Calling, starring Brenda Blethyn.

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**FAVOURITE:** Keeley Hazell

## Magazine readers back 'melon farmer' in survey

BROMLEY model Keeley Hazell has been named the world's third sexiest woman by FHM readers.

In its annual international readers' poll to find the sexiest women on the planet, the 21-year-old was ranked just behind Hollywood stars Megan Fox and Jessica Alba.

FHM described the page three glamour model as a

"Kentish melon-farmer".

It said: "The 21-year-old with the nation's finest frontage has spent the last year modelling too-small lingerie, starring in a slightly odd online technology show and making it big in the US."

Former 24 star Elisha Cuthbert came fourth, while Heroes actress Hayden Panettiere came fifth.

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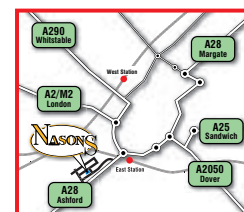
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CREATIVE WOMAN: Lib Dem Trudy Dean



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# Boys' club ballyhoo excluding women

SPAIN'S new cabinet has a female majority, the French president has enlisted the help of seven 'Sarkozettes' and Silvio Berlusconi has promoted Italian women to positions of power.

So with only six women out of 23 ministers in Gordon Brown's cabinet, it seems Britain is lagging behind its European neighbours.

And in Kent the picture is even bleaker, with no female members in Conservative-controlled Kent County Council's cabinet.

KoS asked the authority's leader Cllr Paul Carter, one of the country's most powerful Tories, why women are so under-represented at a high level in county politics.

His spokeswoman sent a statement, saying: "The council has a female chief whip for the first time in the council's history and also has two female lead members in three of the top jobs in the council, all of whom play a very important role along with the council's cabinet members."

Overall, KCC's gender ratio is 14 female to 70 male councillors; only 16 per cent of councillors are women. Medway Council only improves female representation slightly at 24 per cent.

At district level Kent councils do not fare much better with women making up only 30 per cent of all elected members.

## Male bastion

The county will probably not see a 'Carterettes' publicity shot any time soon. But then the Tory party nationally has been slow to catch on to a more equal gender representation in politics.

It has been 90 years since women won the right to vote and stand for Parliament – so why is it taking so long to make politics more representative of the population in Kent?

Trudy Dean, leader of the Kent Liberal Democrats, shared her views on the KCC's male-dominated cabinet.

"There was one female cabinet member, Sarah Hohler, but I understand she wished to stand down from the cabinet, so it may be none of the other female members of the Tory group have wished to hold a cabinet position.

"However, all the evidence shows any group works better and more creatively if there is a balance of men and women in it.

"Only one woman ever making it through to the ten-member cabinet under two leaders makes it look as though no-one is willing to champion that cause and to make that happen," she said.

She said the Lib Dem group had never had a problem recruiting women and the group has had a female leader for the past 15 years.

"Among KCC councillors the number of

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women councillors has actually declined since I joined in 1985," said Cllr Dean.

"This is a particularly great loss since KCC is responsible for services in many areas, such as educating and caring for the young and the elderly, in which women tend to have more personal experience than men.

"When I try to recruit new councillors, talented women will often say to me they cannot stand the kind of schoolboy ballyhoo we see each week at Prime Minister's question time, in the council chamber," Cllr Dean said.

There is only one woman among the five managing directors at KCC and only 13 of the top 36 posts are held by women.

Cllr Dean said the authority was still a long way from achieving equality.

Other county councils in the South East, which are also Tory-controlled, perform better than KCC on female representation.

Essex County Council has two female cabinet members responsible for the environment and finances. The authority's chief executive is also a woman.

A female member is responsible for children and family services in East Sussex, and West Sussex has three female cabinet members responsible for finance, children and young people and the environment.

The authority also said its female chairman had just stood down after seven years.

Cllr Sarah Holher, a county councillor, served as deputy leader of the council under Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart. She said: "I would love to encourage women to apply and to stand for election in the elections next year. We certainly welcome women."

Cllr Hohler said she fitted in well during her time in the cabinet and that it was useful for the cabinet to have a woman's voice.

She said it was her decision to stand down because she felt new leader Cllr Carter should have the chance to pick his own team.

An Tory insider said: "They don't like to draw attention to the fact there are no women in the cabinet."

Labour chief whip Angela Harrison described County Hall as a "male bastion" and revealed the men's bathroom was decked out in marble, while the women's had been "created out of broom-cupboards".

Cllr Harrison, along with the Tory party's chief whip, Paulina Stockell, were carrying out an assessment of members' facilities when they made the discovery.

Cllr Harrison said: "When I joined in 2005 I was patronised because of my sex. It was an old boys' club and I'm not old and not a boy – you could almost feel them itching to

pat me on the head and say 'it's all right dear.'"

But she said the gentlemen's club climate was improving and encouraged more women to join.

There is more hope for the future – young women members of the Kent Youth County Council represent 65 per cent of the seats.

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## Quotas all at sea

A KENT MEP has accused the Government of putting local fishermen in a "ludicrous position" by allowing them to catch a tiny share of the country's cod.

Sharon Bowles, Liberal Democrat MEP for the South East, said fishermen had been "poorly and unfairly treated".

The European Commission sets quotas for the amount of fish each country can catch, but it is up to the UK Government to say how much can be caught in each region.

Fishermen in the South East are allowed to catch just three per cent of the UK allocation.

Speaking at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, Mrs Bowles said: "My intervention is very timely – at a crucial moment when the Commission is revisiting the cod recovery plan including a large chunk of the seas around Great Britain.

"This will be taking greater account of the local differences where cod stocks are more plentiful. I have been promised statistics concerning the English Channel and I will be following this up."

## Gay hate charges

A MOTHER and daughter have been found guilty of abusing a gay couple in Kent.

Karen Reeves, 44, of The Halt in Whitstable, was sentenced to 150 days in prison.

Christie Myles, 22, of the same address, received a 24-month supervision when the pair were sentenced at Canterbury Magistrates' Court on Thursday.

The pair carried out a 'campaign of hate' between March 13 and May 17 last year.

They called the men names and Reeves even drove her car at one of them, the court heard.

The harassment of Michael Harris and Shires Crichton, from Kingston near Canterbury, began after the men sided with another neighbour over a longstanding row.

The pair have also been given a restraining order banning them from the men's village and from having any contact with them.

The four-day trial took place earlier this month.

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Sittingbourne Community College is working to reduce number of teenage mothers

# School clinic is kicking pregnancy out of class

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SWALE has one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy in Kent.

But a sexual health clinic available to all pupils at Sittingbourne Community College is working to change that.

The weekly clinic offers contraception and relationship advice, emergency contraception and pregnancy testing.

Ann Saunders, deputy head at the school, said that when the clinic opened two years ago it was mostly girls who went in for advice but now it is seeing equal numbers of both sexes.

Teen pregnancy rates are higher in pockets of deprivation across the county, where the self-esteem and aspirations of young women are lowest, according to Kent Teenage Pregnancy Partnership.

Asked how the clinic had made a difference, Ms Saunders said: "We have not had a problem with pupil pregnancy... for several years. Our problem was when students left school at 16 and entered into early parenthood.

"We have worked really hard to give them aspirations and to raise their confidence in terms of a future and to delay children."

She was happy to reveal that this year the school has 15 students going on to university.

Ms Saunders said it was important to change the mindset of young men at the school and year nine pupils are now being given relationship and sexual health advice from Charlton Football Club players.

"It has already had a really good impact on their behaviour and maturity. As they become young men it is giving them choices and information," she said.

The girls benefit from less structured and more conversational sexual health and relationship advice sessions, Ms Saunders said.

Ms Saunders, who is the Swale



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## TEENAGE PREGNANCY RATES (Rate is per 1,000 females ages 15 to 17)

DISTRICT	2006	2005
Ashford	44.6	43.7
Canterbury	27.4	29.3
Dartford	43.3	38.4
Dover	41.5	32.4
Gravesham	31.9	39.9
Maidstone	40.0	35.1
Sevenoaks	24.0	23.3
Shepway	37.9	44.3
Swale	48.6	53.1
Thanet	55.3	63.2
Tonbridge & Malling	30.7	25.5
Tunbridge Wells	22.1	24.5
Kent	37.1	38
UK	40.4	41.3

Figures from Kent Teenage Pregnancy Partnership

**SELF-ESTEEM:** Teenage pregnancy numbers are falling in Swale with the help of a special clinic (posed by models)

lead for the Pregnancy Partnership, took part in a study of poverty in the area.

It found that eight out of 10 of the families living in poverty had been teenage mothers.

As part of a tutorial on relationships and emotional intelligence the results were revealed to the school's 16-plus students. "It had quite an impact on them," Ms Saunders said.

Carrie Brentnall, the college's personal advisor and intervention officer, said: "It was very thought provoking - you could tell they really empathised and many admitted 'that could be me but it's not going to be'."

The school wants to set up a nursery on site so that young mothers can go back to education.

But teachers hope that the pre-

ventative work, including the sexual health clinic, will make a cut in teenage pregnancy rates in the area within three years.

More than 300 pupils access the service every school year. The young people at the school were not embarrassed to be seen queuing for the clinic by teachers or anyone else thanks to a culture of openness about young peoples' sexuality, said Ms Saunders.

"We have a very unique environment - we feel that the relationship we build with pupils is equally as important as academic results," she said.

When Ms Saunders presented the idea for the clinic to the board of governors they asked why the students couldn't just go to their GPs.

"They won't go where adults are to get [sexual health advice] - they

prefer to have a young person's clinic that deals with young people's issues."

Asked whether any parents had objected to the clinic being sited at the school and available to students of all ages, Miss Brentnall said: "We encourage young people to speak to their parents, we are trying to promote communication between them. We have been really open about it."

Ms Saunders said: "Parents are concerned about their children having sex before they are 16 but they want them to be safe and have the right information."

The Government's Every Child Matters agenda aims to bring more sexual health clinics, as well as other health services, into schools.

Britain's teenage birth rate is twice as high as in Germany and

three times as high as France.

Although the county's rate is below the national average, the Pregnancy Partnership is working hard to meet Government targets to reduce it further.

Ms Saunders added: "In this area whether it is a cultural or traditional thing we are enabling young people to see they can delay and have a working life before they embark on parenthood. And that they can avoid the poverty trap by doing so."

Ruth Herron, coordinator of the Kent Teenage Pregnancy Partnership, said: "We don't want to encourage them to have sex but a quarter of under 16s will have sex, so there needs to be services so they can do this in a healthy way."

"There are always opportunities to tell them 'you don't have to continue and you can say no'."

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# Tories offer backing for teachers' right to strike

THE county council has refused to blame teachers for the strike action that led to thousands of pupils staying at home this week.

The industrial action forced the closure of 17 schools across the county on Thursday, with many more telling all but those facing exams not to turn up.

KCC has been unable to confirm how many pupils were told not to go to school or how many teachers were taking part in the strike.

As with many other public sector workers, most notably the police, teachers are unhappy with a pay settlement from the Government that they claim is "in effect a pay cut".

They have been given a 2.45 per cent pay increase for 2008-09, as recommended by an independent pay review body, which is slightly more than police officers were offered.

Cllr Mark Dance, KCC's cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills, laid the blame for the strike firmly with the Government.

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He said that the right to strike was "part of being British".

He said: "Look at what's happening in Zimbabwe, we don't want to be in that situation."

"The criticism has to be levelled at the Government, they made the choice."

## Disapproval

"Take a newly qualified teacher in Kent. For a start you've got expensive housing, mortgages are more difficult to get, the repayment of a standard loan is at 4.8 per cent. It all adds up."

"Then you've got rising costs of food and utility bills."

There are approximately 16,000 full and part-time teachers in Kent, around half of whom are NUT members.

The other major teachers' union, the

NASUWT, did not take part in the industrial action.

Last month, John Walder, a semi-retired teacher from Canterbury and local NUT spokesman, said the point of the strike was to "demonstrate disapproval of what the Government is up to on the pay front".

Schools minister Jim Knight said he was "disappointed".

"But that is nothing compared to the disappointment of parents, whose children's lessons will be disrupted," he said.

Mr Knight said the Government is determined to maintain teaching as an "attractive, high-status profession".

He added: "Of course teachers must be properly rewarded. But it is because teachers have mortgages too that I know they understand the need for a pay deal that helps deliver low inflation, low interest rates, and a stable economy."



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## Party correction

LAST week, we incorrectly stated that Maidstone Borough Council was a Conservative-controlled authority.

Although the Conservatives have the greater number of councillors, no party has overall control of the authority.

Its cabinet is led by the Liberal Democrats in alliance with an independent councillor.

## Crash service

A MEMORIAL is to be held at Biggin Hill Airport for the five people who died when their plane crashed in Farnborough. Extouring car driver David Leslie, team owner Richard Lloyd, pilots Mike Roberts and Michael Chapman and passenger Christopher Allerton died on March 30. The service is at midday on Thursday, May 8, at the airport's St George's RAF Chapel.

## Ready to rock

A SINGER-SONGWRITER described as "the Welsh Bruce Springsteen" will be taking to the stage in Kent on Monday. Martyn Joseph is at the Zebra Bar in King Street, Maidstone. The singer, who was described as "Britain's best kept secret" by magazine Mojo, is promoting his new album, Vegas. The show starts at 8pm. Tickets are £15 on the door or £13 in advance on 01622 744481.

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# Official figures reveal drops in violent crime and criminal damage but drug offences are on the rise

DRUG offences have increased 18 per cent in Kent, according to new figures published by the Home Office.

Kent Police's performance showed an overall improvement with a reduction in crime and increased detection rates. Violent crime is down 14.5 per cent since 2006.

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Harris said: "The latest figures show that we have seen significant

improvement in almost all crime categories, detection rates and public confidence.

"I am very pleased with these results which show that the work being carried out by neighbourhood policing teams and Kent Police staff across the board is having a real impact on a day-to-day basis.

"We are continuing with our seasonal Safer campaigns to support

the work we are doing. The most recent, Safer Spring, is aimed to tackle burglary and antisocial behaviour and we are already receiving positive feedback about it."

He said the weapons surrender was a success ending last week with more than 1,000 guns, knives and other weapons handed in.

The latest figures show performance for individual forces from

October to December 2007.

Compared to the same period in 2006 the figures show all crime has dropped by more than 17 per cent.


However, there were 135 more drug offences. Police said officers were working to target and disrupt drug networks with the help of local communities.

Criminal damage saw a reduction of 18.4 per cent and there were

495 less burglaries committed over the period. Vehicle crime has also fallen by 26 per cent.

More than 9,000 people were convicted, cautioned or given a formal warning or fine and the force's detection rate had increased 3.1 per cent.

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## Tory defector will add 'some meat' to UKIP

THE leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party has welcomed its first MP as "articulate, quite controversial and a bit of a character", *writes Phil Reilly.*

Bob Spink, the MP for Castle Point in Essex, defected from the Conservatives to join UKIP this week.

Party leader Nigel Farage, an MEP from Downe, near Bromley, said he hoped Mr Spink would give the party more credibility on domestic issues such as health and education.

He said: "He has joined us because he became increasingly hacked off with the

Conservative Party on a variety of issues, from the completely dishonest position it has taken on the European constitution to its policies on immigration – the whole gamut."

Mr Farage said that Mr Spink was one of the most hard-working MPs in Westminster and said he would help UKIP to be viewed as a "broad-based party".

### Focused

Speaking to the BBC's Five Live Breakfast, Mr Spink said he was looking forward to getting "some meat" on UKIP's domestic policies.

He said: "I voted against the Tory whip 22 times in the last session, on issues such as equality for women on pensions, which I

think is a good thing, and on defence issues, and getting tough on crime, issues that really concern the people of this country."

Mr Farage said the party was standing 500 candidates in the forthcoming local elections across the UK in what he described as a "moderate sized effort", but was more focused on the next European and general elections.

There are 12 candidates standing for council seats in Kent on May 1: nine in Tunbridge Wells and three in Maidstone.

Mr Farage added that he had not yet decided if he will stand as a parliamentary candidate in the next general election, but acknowledged it was "a situation I've got to answer pretty soon".



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# Government hears KCC's asylum claim

KENT County Council stands a good chance of recouping the £8.3 million it claims it is owed from the Government for caring for asylum-seeking children, according to the authority's leader.

Ten councils across the country, including KCC, have been involved in a long-running row with the Government over more than £30m they claim the Government owes them.

However, according to KCC's leader Cllr Paul Carter, the deadlock seems to be breaking after what he called a "most positive" meeting with ministers on Tuesday.

Although details of how much money would be refunded to the authorities remain unclear, Cllr Carter said he was "very pleased by the body language" of both Liam Byrne, the immigration minister, and Kevin Brennan, the parliamentary under-secretary for the education department.

He said: "It was the first time in many months that we have been able to articulate why we are so upset with the treatment from national government."

"The ministers were very receptive to our presentation and we have agreed to come together in the next four weeks and discuss some solutions to the historic debt and how we will manage this in the future."

## Political

The authorities involved in the dispute – Birmingham, Hammersmith and Fulham, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kent, Liverpool (Lib Dem controlled), Manchester (Labour controlled), Oxfordshire, Solihull and West Sussex – organised a meeting to present their case to the House of Lords on Wednesday.

Cllr Mike Eddy, leader of the Kent Labour Group, accused KCC's Conservative administration of using the vulnerable children as "political pawns" in the run-up to local elections.

He said: "It is interesting that it is on St

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George's Day and just before a whole series of local elections. This is political.

"This grandstanding might be useful in party political terms, but not in getting the job done. Ministers have said if you have got a justifiable claim it will be paid."

But Cllr Carter claimed the ministers would never have agreed to the meeting on Tuesday without the presentation on Wednesday.

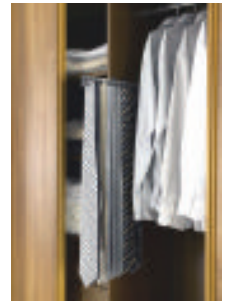
MPs, peers, government officials, refugee and children's charities attended the presentation in the House of Lords to hear about the challenges local authorities face supporting thousands of unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

Cllr Carter said: "We have a duty of care to these young people and as such Government legislation requires us to provide a range of services for them."

"But Government legislation governing the care that should be provided to them conflicts with the Government's own rules about the grants councils can be paid to provide such services. We need a long-term solution that refunds 100 per cent of the costs to local authorities."

Terry Smith, assistant programme director for Save the Children's protection team, added: "Many separated asylum seeking children arrive in this country alone and deeply traumatised and the care they receive from local authorities is key to their survival."

"They are children first and foremost and their welfare can no longer be compromised by funding constraints."



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## Hospital hygiene will come under greater scrutiny

THE health watchdog has launched its biggest crackdown on poor infection control practices in hospitals across the country.

Kent's seven acute hospitals will be inspected as part of the drive to reduce deaths and illnesses from healthcare associated infections such as Clostridium difficile and MRSA.

The Healthcare Commission warned hospital trusts to ensure they are meeting the 11 duties outlined in the Government's hygiene code, which came into force under the Health Act 2006.

A team of inspectors, including specialists in infection control, will carry out the spot checks with help from microbiologists and infection control nurses. Staff at all levels in the trusts will be interviewed.

KOS Media has joined forces with NHS trusts across the county to help in the fight against healthcare associated infections.

Through the campaign people are being encouraged to wash their hands regularly whether they are at home and work or in healthcare centres and hospitals.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust's latest figures show it has exceeded Government MRSA targets - reducing infections of the superbug by 56 per cent over the past year.

## Poll reveals our deepest and darkest fears

PEOPLE in the South East are more scared of dying alone than in other parts of the UK, according to a new survey.

The YouGov poll, carried out as a part of a report by charity Dignity in Dying, found that nearly 40 per cent of people in the region said being alone is their greatest fear about dying.

This was higher than anywhere else in the country, with a national average of 32 per cent.

Around 15 per cent said their greatest fear was lack of adequate pain control, while one in ten said it was that their treatment wishes would not be respected.

The survey also found that 15 per cent of people in the South East live alone, which is the same as the national average.

Sarah Wootton, the charity's chief executive, said the survey gave a unique insight into the fears we face at the end of our lives.

She said: "The needs of an increasing population of elderly people living alone must be addressed in the End of Life Care Strategy."

"Everyone, particularly those living alone, must have the option of a personalised end-of-life care plan and advance decision in order to communicate their preferences for treatment and care."

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## Sack for town hall boss on 16-month gardening leave

COUNCIL chiefs have axed absent chief executive Mark Bilsborough – 16 months after the £100,000-a-year boss was placed on fully paid 'gardening leave'.

The decision to serve Mr Bilsborough's notice was made by Swale council leaders this week after considering the findings of an independent law specialist's report into serious misconduct allegations.

A council spokesman said: "Exact details of how the dismissal will be dealt with remain a matter for the council and any interim arrangements will be put in place shortly."

Council leader Andrew Bowles said: "I am pleased the designated independent person's report and recommendation has vindicated the action taken by the council to follow up the serious concerns expressed in the whistle-blowing document."

Mr Bilsborough was appointed council chief executive on January 1, 2006.

He was placed on fully paid gardening leave in December of that year, following the serving of the whistle-blowing document.

His last day was December 22 – meaning the decision to terminate his contract was made exactly 16 months after he last stepped into his office.

Law specialist John Bowers QC began conducting disciplinary hearings in January and concluded in April.

His report was filed to Swale council earlier this month.

Independent councillor Chris Boden has called for a public inquiry into the case, saying: "The average resident is confused and angry. What's so wrong is the process has been mired in secrecy and now the public has very, very little trust."



RACE STUDY: Prof Carl Parsons

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A PROFESSOR claims that black children are still being failed by the education system 15 years on from the murder of Stephen Lawrence.

Prof Carl Parsons, an education lecturer at Canterbury Christ Church University, has been studying the impact of the Government's reaction to the black teenager's racist killing in April, 1993.

He led the Department for Education and Skill's project looking at the effects of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Macpherson report, which alleged institutional racism in the Metropolitan Police.

The Act came as a result of the Macpherson report and outlawed any kind of racial discrimination in any public authority, including schools.

But according to Prof Parsons, the plight of black Caribbean children in education has barely improved since Stephen Lawrence was killed.

He said that a black Caribbean child is still three times more likely to be expelled from school.

He said: "This is happening year after year after year. We're not doing things that seem to be effective."

"The term 'institutional racism' has not been terribly useful. It displaces the blame away from people who run these places and blames the institution."

"A better term would be 'passive racism'. We are pointing to people in roles who aren't doing things and allowing these things to happen."

"They say black children are achieving at three-quarters of the rate of white

# 'Nothing much has changed since the murder of Stephen Lawrence'

children. They are not doing enough to switch on black kids and involve community groups and parents."

His research showed that exclusion rates among black Caribbean children in maintained schools dropped from four times that of white children in 1998-99 to three times in 2004-05, but it has crept up slightly since.

### Expensive

Dropout rates for black children of non-Caribbean backgrounds were about 2.3 times that of white children in 2005-06.

It also found that dropout rates were the most disproportional in local authority areas with more than 4,000 black pupils.

Prof Parsons said many authorities have "no preventative strategy" to help black children in secondary schools.

He added: "It is expensive to employ

people to meet their needs, but some people are doing it and are successful in reducing and eliminating [dropout rates].

"Interventions shouldn't just happen in schools. Families need support and children need support."

"Some social and cultural habits may be part of this, but the case is we are not changing the outcomes. These kids will still be leaving school with the same difficulties as they had 10 years ago."

The only ethnic group found to have a higher dropout rate than that of black Caribbean students was Gypsy/Roma children, which was more than four times that of white children. However, the size of the population was much smaller.

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## Fifteen years on and still no convictions for teen's murder

IT is 15 years ago this week that 18-year-old Stephen Lawrence was murdered in a brutal racist attack at a bus stop in Eltham.

Following the fatal stabbing on April 22, 1993, five men have been charged with his murder.

The cases against Jamie Acourt and David Norris were dropped before they reached court, while Gary Dobson, Neil Acourt and Luke Knight were acquitted at the Old Bailey.

An inquest found in 1997 that Stephen had been unlawfully killed.

An inquiry into the police's handling of the case, conducted by Sir William Macpherson, found that "institutional racism" was in part to blame for its failure.

The Metropolitan Police has donated £10,000 to the Stephen Lawrence

Charitable Trust for its 15th anniversary memorial service.

A Metropolitan Police spokesman said that its thoughts were with the family, whom he praised for their "courageous fight for justice".

He said: "The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry Report and its recommendations instigated immense change in how we investigate homicide and serious crime, how we prevent and detect racist and other hate crime, and the way we work with communities to identify and respond to the needs and concerns of all people."

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "We are still committed to catching Stephen Lawrence's killers. There are a number of things happening at the moment, including the examination of new forensic evidence."

## A marriage ripped apart by brutal death

THE aftermath of Stephen Lawrence's killing and the fight for justice by his parents ultimately tore the couple apart.

His father Neville Lawrence moved to Jamaica following the split six years ago, while his mother Doreen Lawrence remained in London.

The couple re-united for a memorial service at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in Trafalgar Square on Tuesday, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.

Speaking ahead of the service, Mrs Lawrence said: "For me and

Stephen's family, the pain of our loss remains undiminished after 15 years."

Justice Secretary Jack Straw was among those who spoke at the service, saying Stephen's death had left "a nation shamed".

He said: "It should not have taken the outrageous murder of a thoroughly innocent young man, killed for the sole reason that his skin was black and not white to be the catalyst for change which should have happened years and years before that."

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# Development is no joke says MP

By **PHIL REILLY**

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SENIOR Liberal Democrat  
MP Lembit Opik has hit  
back at a council leader  
who described him as a  
"national joke".

The unkind remark came from  
Cllr Mike Snelling, the  
Conservative leader of Gravesham  
Borough Council, after Mr Opik criti-  
cised plans to build a 32-storey  
tower in Gravesend.

Mr Opik, the Liberal Democrat's  
housing spokesman, visited the pro-  
posed site for the controversial 120-  
metre skyscraper, which is the cen-  
tre-piece of an ambitious £130 mil-  
lion project to revamp the town's  
heritage quarter, earlier this month.

Cllr Snelling described his criti-  
cism as "a load of rubbish" and  
claimed it "smacked of desperation  
by a party with no representation in  
Gravesham that feels the need to  
invite what is effectively a national  
joke to pontificate on Gravesham".

He also had a dig at Mr Opik's  
relationship with Cheeky Girls  
singer Gabriela Irimia, saying: "His  
only claim to fame appears to be a  
girlfriend who sings dubious dit-  
ties."

Mr Opik has since announced his  
engagement to the Romanian pop  
star in an interview with Hello!  
magazine.

In a letter to this newspaper, Mr  
Opik said Cllr Snelling's remarks  
failed to "engage with the argu-  
ment" surrounding the tower.

He said: "While I'm sure we all  
enjoyed Michael's humorous quip  
about my relationship with my  
delightful partner Gabriela, his  
observations don't exactly do any-  
thing to endorse the ridiculously  
out-of-place development to the  
public, do they?"



**ISSUE AT HAND:** MP Lembit Opik with his fiancée Gabriela Irimia

"It is significant of the failure of  
such support for this development  
that Cllr Snelling declines to focus  
on the issue at hand."

The 32-storey building is just one  
part of plans which would see St  
George's Shopping Centre expanded,  
a new multi-storey car park, a  
new hotel, restaurants, shops and  
600 apartments.

Mr Opik went on to say that he

was concerned the project did not  
take into account local needs such  
as affordable family housing, and  
that it would "spoil the natural  
landscape" of Gravesend.

He also said he planned to meet  
the developers, Edinburgh House  
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# Boris floats his airport plans

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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**BORIS** Johnson will consider building an airport in the Thames Gateway if he is elected Mayor of London, his spokesman confirmed this week.

The Tories' candidate has urged the Government to ditch plans for further expansion at Heathrow as part of his campaign.

His environment manifesto raises concerns about noise pollution and air quality for people already living in and around the country's largest airport.

Mr Johnson said ministers should re-examine plans for a new airport on artificial islands in the Thames Estuary in February.

His spokesman, Giles Bancroft, said: "What he is calling for is no further expansion at Heathrow. The Thames Estuary is an idea he has floated."

Environmental groups have spoken out against resurrecting plans for a major airport in an internationally important wildlife site.

Mr Bancroft refused to say whether Mr Johnson, who lists protecting open space from development as one of his priorities if elected mayor as well as a commitment to meeting climate change targets, had thought of the environmental impact of an airport in the Thames Estuary. "There is no final plan. What he



**ESTUARY BOY:** Boris Johnson, on a visit to Bromley, is considering building an airport in the Thames Gateway if elected Mayor of London

has said is that he sees the possibility for something east of London. But he has not committed to anything.

"He wants to have a commission look into it. [The Thames estuary] is relatively near London with less population and less houses to fly over."

The current mayor, Ken Livingstone's campaign has said that Mr Johnson's idea to build a new airport in the Thames Estuary "demonstrates not only that he is not serious about tackling climate change, but that he also has little regard for protecting green spaces".

Mr Livingstone is opposed to both expansion at Heathrow and a new airport to the east of the capital.

A spokesman for the RSPB said: "The area is under immense pressure from the needs of development that goes on around the capital."

"It is unhelpful when ill-considered proposals are thrown into the midst of a very complicated and pressured environment. UK estuaries are of international importance for wildlife."

The county council believes Kent International Airport at Manston could help meet the demand for London's airport growth.

In 2005 an airport was proposed near Cliffe but plans were thrown out because of the harm to the environment and costs.

Mayoral elections are on May 1.

## Winnie's blue room

ONE of the rooms at Chartwell, the Kent home of Sir Winston Churchill, has been restored.

The National Trust, which owns the property near Westerham, said the original contents of the museum and rooms were on display along with a "brave return to the bold and vibrant" colour scheme of the 1960s.

Lady Churchill worked with the conservation architect Philip Jebb to design the refurbishment of the house ahead of its opening to the public in 1966.

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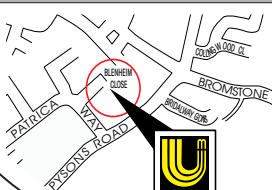
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The fleet of VW Caddy vans has been introduced to replace the use of personal vehicles by Kent Highways Services inspectors. Currently, inspectors use their own vehicles to carry out regular inspections of the public highway and to attend reports of defects in order to arrange repair works.

This presents safety risks for road users, as well as the inspectors themselves. The only hazard warning and identification on personal vehicles is a single, removable amber beacon and small sign on the back saying 'Highway Maintenance', making them hard to be seen.

The new fleet of vans will mean that we can improve the way we deliver our services because inspectors will be able to carry more equipment in the vans and carry out their jobs more efficiently as a result.

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We carried out in-depth studies into speed profiles, crash levels and the volume of traffic on roads, to check if speed limits were appropriate and to assess if any needed to be changed.

The initial study has now been completed and we intend to expand the programme to a much wider area, with the rest of the county being reviewed by 2011 and all work completed by 2013.

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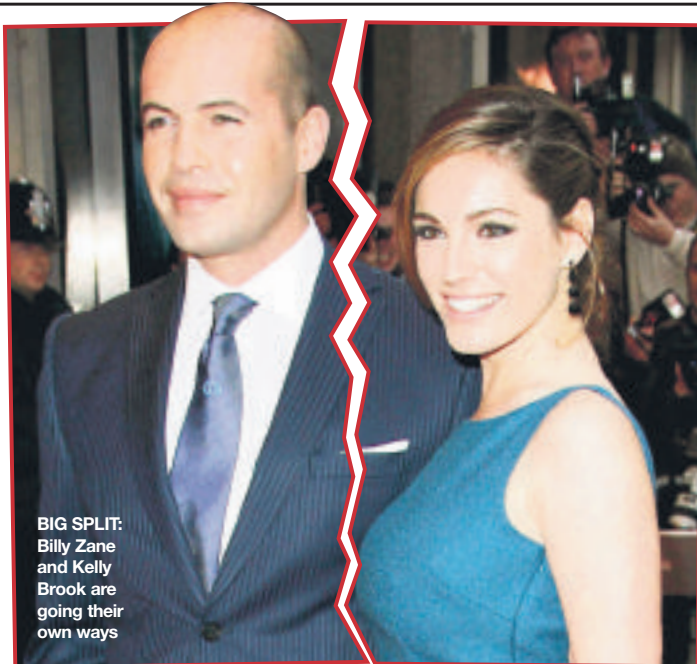


Location	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Shepway	current	30.4.08	School Road, Saltwood	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
Tunbridge Wells	28.4.08	28.4.08	A228 Colts Hill, Capel	Temporary traffic lights - carriage works
Dartford	28.4.08	7.5.08	Princess Road, Dartford	Temporary traffic lights - new water mains
Sevenoaks	28.4.08	16.5.08	Childsbridge Lane, Kemsing	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
Maidstone	28.4.08	13.6.08	B2010 Lower Road, East Farleigh	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains

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**BIG SPLIT:**  
Billy Zane  
and Kelly  
Brook are  
going their  
own ways

# Love's end

## Kent beauty and Hollywood star decide to part company after four-year relationship

KELLY Brook has split from actor fiancé Billy Zane, her spokesman has confirmed.

The 28-year-old has decided to end her four-year relationship with the 42-year-old Titanic star who is set to move out of the farmhouse in the village of Grafty Green near Maidstone.

Miss Brook, born in Rochester, appeared in public without her engagement ring at the Baftas in London on Sunday.

A friend told this newspaper that, following the death of her father last November, it was time for a clean break.

The friend said: "At the risk of it sounding a little crass, she just wanted time to re-evaluate her life. They had been talking about marriage for months - he wanted to get married and she didn't."

"That sort of pressure was simply too much for the relationship and it fizzled out after a lot of discussion. They finally decided to call it a day about a month ago."

The couple had planned to wed in their 600-year-old country house last year.

But work commitments and the family loss meant the date was continually put back.

Miss Brook dropped out of the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing competition last year after her father Ken, 57, finally lost his fight against cancer. She was a favourite to win.

The friend said: "That, plus having Billy wanting to get married, and was quite

By **CHRIS MURPHY & NICK AMES**

determined they should marry, was all too much for Kelly in the end.

"Kelly thinks she is simply too young to get married yet and wants to keep all her life options open for now."

"She is upset at breaking up with Billy, they were great together and, of course, they remain very good friends. But marriage is not for her at the moment and they agreed to part ways."

Miss Brook spoke briefly with reporters at the Baftas about the trauma of losing her father.

She said: "I'm doing okay. It still doesn't feel quite real. I only did Strictly Come Dancing for my dad - he loved it."

"He watched it right up until the end. He was such a big fan."

Miss Brook has not ruled out a return to competitive ballroom dancing, saying she'd love to appear on the US version.

She added: "I'd still love to win it one day."

At the Baftas, Miss Brook got a lot of attention on the red carpet with a vintage Hollywood glamour appearance thanks to a floor-skimming silk navy-blue Suzie Turner gown and white Dior fur shrug and sparkling diamond drop earrings.

A spokesman for Kelly Brook said: "I can confirm they are no longer a couple, but are still friends. There is no one else involved."

## New shock treatment saving lives

PARAMEDICS saved the life of a man who had suffered a massive heart attack by using a new technique.

Ambulance staff Des Lacey and Martin Pitchers came to the aid of 54-year-old Graham Coomber, from Tonbridge, after he had the heart attack shortly after starting work at a garage in Heathfield.

They used a procedure called Protocol C, which involves delaying the use of a defibrilla-

tor to deliver an electric shock until after two minutes of chest compressions.

Mr Lacey said that without using the new procedure the outcome would have been "very different". The incident happened last July.

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Officers from the newly formed UK Border Agency handed over the fruit to the Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks in Kent.

Officers seized the illegal smokes when they arrived on a lorry at Dover docks.

The lorry had arrived on a ferry from Belgium via Calais and the consignment was destined for an address in East Kilbride, Scotland.

The cigarettes were branded Goldmans and were packed in 15 pallets neatly placed behind the pallets of Gala apples.

The driver, a 28-year-old man from Northern Ireland, was arrested and later released on bail until June 11. Inquiries are continuing.

Customs spokesman Bob Gaiger said: "We are delighted to donate these apples to the animals at Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks.

"Hopefully this will prove a valuable resource for the park and greatly helps us dispose of these perishable goods in a way that supports the environment."

# County Hall's missing important documents are found 'in a drawer'

By **PHIL REILLY**

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THE county council has managed to find important documents relating to possible conflicts of interest by county councillors.

This newspaper revealed that records of company directorships and other contracts or transactions by senior councillors were incomplete earlier this month.

Officials said this week they found the missing paperwork "in a drawer or a filing cabinet" in County Hall.

We checked the records after Tory councillor Mike Snelling spoke during a debate on KCC's controversial commercial activities – and failed to declare he was a director of one of the council's

trading companies. Many businesspeople in Kent believe the county council is muscling in on their territory by operating in the commercial realm.

Opposition politicians have accused the Tory administration of lacking transparency over its commercial activities and of being "incompetent, unaccountable, defensive and secretive".

KCC has failed to answer a series of Freedom of Information requests from this newspaper about its commercial activities.

### 'Genuine mistake'

Examination of the new documents reveals that Cllr Snelling is a non-executive director of KCC's holding company Kent County Trading Ltd and its main trading company Kent Top Temps Ltd.

He is also non-executive director of Kent Facilities Management Ltd, Kent County Supplies Ltd and Invicta Services Ltd, which is not yet trading.

Cllr Snelling is not paid for his positions. Records also show that he holds more than £25,000 in shares in the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Alex King, KCC's deputy leader, said that Cllr Snelling made a "genuine mistake" in not declaring his interest.

The records also showed that cabinet member Cllr Graham Gibbens is a director of

business consultancy firm Agilis Ltd.

Cllr Roger Gough is a research director for local government think tank Localis, while Cllr Mark Dance runs Mark Dance Builder and Mark Dance Glazing, and Cllr King runs consultancy firm The King Partnership Ltd.

Cllr Mike Eddy, leader of the Labour opposition, carries out freelance and consultancy work as a writer, translator, business adviser and archaeologist.

Council leader Cllr Paul Carter's most recent records, updated in 2005, show he is co-director of Carter Consultancy and has interests in Farley and Co plc, The Decorating Centre Ltd, Pallola Ltd, Kontona Ltd and True Valley Ltd.

Councillors are only obliged to update their registered interests if they have anything to add or remove.

Following pressure from this newspaper, KCC chief executive Peter Gilroy ordered all councillors to urgently report back with details of their outside interests.

Cllr Eddy said he was "peevish" the documents had not been kept together.

He said: "I am also relieved because now we can get on with the business of running KCC rather than faffing around in the backs of drawers."

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# Safari art builds an orphanage



AT HOME: Some of the children who now live in the orphanage in the village of Mtendere in Malawi

By **PHIL REILLY** phil.reilly@kosmedia.co.uk

TWO years ago, a Kent travel writer was sitting in a bar in a Malawian village when he began talking to a man who was struggling to care for local orphans.

The man and his wife were doing all they could to support the children, he was told, but they did not have even enough money to put a roof over their heads.

David Wise, who runs the Urban Fox arts group in Medway, was so struck by the conversation he resolved to help.

Flash forward two years and a fully functioning orphanage is operating in the village of Mtendere, home to 160 children.

Mr Wise, 40, joined forces with Arts Safari, a company that arranges painting trips across Africa, to put out together collections of their artists' work to raise money for the orphanage.

The first edition of the Art Safari Sketchbook raised about £2,000, which was enough to fund the building.

Mr Wise told KOS Media the idea came to him "over a beer" as he sat in the Malawian bar.

He said: "I thought that Art Safari clients would like to see their work in a book and maybe the profits would be enough."

"£2,000 doesn't sound like much but it is plenty enough in Malawi."

Getting permission for the project proved complicated as they needed the approval of local, regional and national tribal chiefs, but eventually they were able to arrange for local workers to build the orphanage, which opened last autumn.

It has running water and kitchen facilities, and has also started a day-care centre for the villagers.

The latest edition of the sketchbook has raised a further £600 which will be enough to pay for food for the children for the rest of the year.

Mr Wise said he hoped the orphanage would soon be self-funding.

Arts Safari is using the village as a holiday stop for its artists, who travel to Africa to paint the landscape and the wildlife.

The villagers hope to raise enough money to keep the orphanage going by producing goods and souvenirs to sell to the tourists.

Mr Wise added: "They make things like T-shirts, which tourists like and pay quite well for. Someone may pay £10 for a T-shirt, which is not unreasonable, but in Malawi £10 is a week's wages. If they can sell one or two per week it could really work."

The next Arts Safari Sketchbook will go on sale at about Christmas time and should pay for food for the next couple of years.

Another problem Mr Wise encountered in Malawi was the plight of rhinos, which have been poached to the verge of extinction.

He said that any money raised beyond what was needed to pay for food at the orphanage would go towards bringing a female rhino to the area in the hope of helping its dwindling population to breed.

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## RSPB launches campaign to save birds of prey from extinction

# Stop the slaughter before it's too late

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A CAMPAIGN has been launched to stamp out the slaughter of large numbers of birds of prey across the country.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) said that every year birds such as golden eagles, hen harriers, goshawks, buzzards, red kites and peregrine falcons are illegally killed.

Hest Phillips, from RSPB South East, said: "Kent is a great place to see birds of prey in winter, including hen harriers, which face terrible persecution elsewhere.

"It's outrageous birds of prey are still being killed illegally. The skies are owned by no one, but a callous few want to deprive the nation of some of our most charismatic wildlife."

The charity said that "unscrupulous" gamekeepers and shooting estates were responsible for killing the birds.

Mr Phillips said people in the county could help protect Britain's birds of prey by the joining the campaign and reporting suspected killings of the birds to the police.



**AT RISK:**  
A hen harrier  
in flight Picture:  
RSPB

Despite coming close to extinction in the 1970s a close cousin to the hen harrier, the marsh harrier, can now be found in Kent, the charity said.

The north Kent marshes are an important breeding site for these birds and the reserve at Dungeness saw marsh harriers breed for the first time last August.

"As Kent residents are lucky enough to share their county with these fantastic birds we are hoping they will add their voice to our campaign, so that the rest

of the country can enjoy the inspiring birds as they do.

"We will only improve the national fortunes of hen harriers and other birds of prey with the help and commitment of moorland owners and managers.

"For decades, we have worked to improve the situation, but in large areas of upland Britain progress has stalled and in some is worsening," Mr Phillips added.

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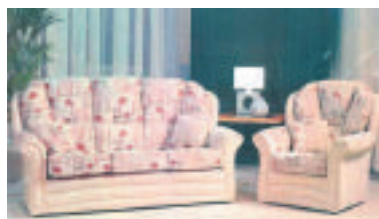


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**HOME COMING:**  
SS Dover in its heyday;  
the ferry could be on  
its way back to Kent

By **PHIL REILLY**

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IN ITS 1960s heyday the SS Dover was one of the biggest ferries on the cross-Channel routes.

It has since been eclipsed by much bigger vessels, such as the huge modern P&O, SeaFrance and Norfolkline ships that sail between Dover and the Continent.

The SS Dover then found a new lease of life as a floating nightclub on the Tyne.

However, it is now sitting idle in a Hartlepool dockyard, but one former ferry worker wants it to return to the town that gave it its name.

Andy MacLean, a shipping consultant and former assistant purser on the SS Dover, wants it to become a centrepiece of the Port of Dover's new-look Western Docks.

Dover Harbour Board is investing around £300 million in redeveloping the docks, and Mr MacLean thinks it could be used as a floating hotel and conference centre.

Part of the redevelopment will see the current marina moved from the Wellington Dock, which is to be surrounded by new retail and accommodation units and a 'landmark tower' that could house port controls.

Mr MacLean said this would be the perfect site for the ship.

#### Casino

He said: "I think she would be ideal for the dock, and a great symbol of the port's heritage."

"She is a size that could hold a small hotel in her, or a conference centre or a museum of maritime life at the Port of Dover. Dover Museum could be involved in it."

A DHB spokesman said it would be interested to see a business proposal for the ship's possible relocation.

He added: "We would have to consider any application to moor the vessel in the context of the overall redevelopment plans for the Western Docks."

If she were to find her way to Dover it would be the last port of call in a long and varied career for the 3,600-tonne ferry.

Built in 1965 by Swan Hunter of Newcastle, she sailed from Dover as part of the British Rail fleet until 1969.

She was then renamed the Earl Siward and began operating on the Irish Sea.

After a stint in sunnier climes sailing between the Athenian port of Piraeus and Haifa in Israel, she returned to the Tyne river in Newcastle.

There she became a floating nightclub, later moving to Middlesbrough and given the James Bond-esque name Tuxedo Royale.

She was to become a floating casino and was given a £2.5m re-fit, only for the plan to be scrapped by the local council in 2006.

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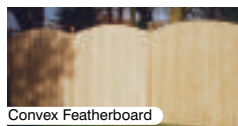
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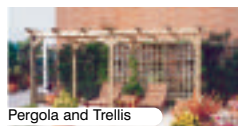


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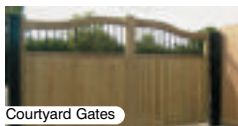


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Inspector Roscoe Walford said: "Roadworks last longer when machinery is stolen causing traffic delays and diversions."

"This affects people taking their children to school, shoppers, commuters and people generally

going about their daily lives.

"People find it harder to get builders and other tradesmen to do work for them because insurance companies demand high premiums or won't insure businesses because of the increasing number of claims they make."

"If businesses cannot get insurance, people can lose their jobs."

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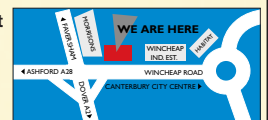


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The company has launched an internal investigation into the events.

# Film star waits for return to Zimbabwe

By **PHIL REILLY**

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THE crisis in Zimbabwe has made it a no-go area for many people who love the country, not least Mackenzie Crook.

As a child, the Dartford actor, who made his name as Gareth in *The Office*, went on holiday to the country where his aunt owned a farm.

However, it was seized under President Mugabe's land reforms and Mr Crook, 36, has not been back to the country for a long time.

In an interview with *The Times*, he said he "can't wait" to return once the dictator has finally lost his grip on power.

He said: "I haven't been there in about eight years and, obviously, the family farm was taken a few years back."

"It was my favourite place on Earth. It's heartbreaking what's happening to the country, and I'd like to be more vocal about it, to speak up about it. But I've still got family there and I don't want to stir anything up."

It is now nearly a month since Zimbabwe held its election and no formal results have been announced.

Opposition candidate Morgan Tsvangirai has claimed victory but Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party has insisted on a re-count that many fear will be rigged in the dictator's favour.

It is also feared that any re-run of the vote will lead to widespread violence and voter suppression, reports of which are already coming



**SPEED:** Mackenzie Crook starring in *Three and Out* where he plays a London Tube driver

out of the southern African country.

Back in the UK, Mr Crook is promoting his new film, *Three and Out*.

The Pirates of the Caribbean star plays a London Tube train driver who has two people fall under his train in quick succession.

He is told that if a third were to die under his train he would be retired with 10 years' pay, and so he sets off to find someone suicidal to do the deed.

### Poignant

It also stars former Gravesend schoolgirl Gemma Arterton, who also has a major role in the forthcoming James Bond film, *Quantum of Solace*.

Mr Crook said although the film's poster makes it look like a comedy, it is in fact "a lot more poignant".

"Obviously they didn't want to flag up the poignancy, but I hope that people don't go along expecting a zany comedy, because it's quite moving at some points."

The film has not proved to a hit with mem-

bers of the train union Aslef, who protested and handed out leaflets outside the film's premiere in Leicester Square this week.

One member shouted to the star: "Is there comedy in dying under a train?"

Mr Crook reportedly responded by saying: "Have you seen the movie? Then you don't know what you're talking about."

He also revealed that he has tried to distance himself from his best-known role as Gareth Keenan in *The Office*, a nerdy part-time Territorial Army soldier.

Mr Crook has grown his hair long and wears diamond-studded earrings, which he said was "to get as far away as I can from Gareth".

He added: "I've probably gone too far the other way - I've never stood on a skateboard in my life - but ever since *The Office* it has been me trying to get away from Gareth."

*Three and Out* opened in cinemas on Friday.

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■ A WOMAN has been taken to hospital after her car was in collision with a Kent Police vehicle responding to an emergency call. The 25 year old, who was driving a Ford Ka, was taken to Medway Maritime Hospital after the crash last Saturday at around 1pm on Maidstone Road, Chatham. Police said her injuries were not life threatening, and the two officers in the police car escaped injury. The road was closed until around 3.15pm and an investigation into the collision was launched by investigators.

# 'My disabled child is being neglected by local authority'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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AS the father of a 12-year-old girl with a mild learning disability, Kevin Wales said he would like nothing more than for her to be educated in a mainstream secondary school.

But he said there are not enough resources available to make that a reality in Kent schools.

Mr Wales and his wife, Theresa, live in Snodland with their daughter, Laura, who has Down's syndrome and goes to the Discovery School in Kings Hill.

The couple wanted Laura to go to Broomhill Bank Special School for secondary education, but Kent County Council wants to re-designate the school to cater only for children with the most severe, profound and complex disabilities.

Mr Wales, 39, said: "I was a supporter of mainstream inclusion for those children that were in a position to cope. Certainly, from the social aspect mainstream has a lot to offer at primary level – hence my daughter is in mainstream."

"However, the rigid structure of the national curriculum and the complete lack of resources made available to mainstream schools to adequately cope with special needs let alone provide the education they deserve means that local authorities are seriously neglecting our children."

There was overwhelming objection not only from parents and teachers but from other

schools in the area, healthcare professionals and the local Tory MP, Greg Clark, over KCC's proposals to re-designate Broomhill Bank in Tunbridge Wells.

The decision has now been left to the independent School Adjudicator, which is due to be revealed by the end of the month.

Mr Wales said: "The local authority's not listening to the people."

He said that the couple feel "worn down" by the whole system and that without Broomhill Bank his daughter has little other option for secondary school.

"I would love for her to be educated in a mainstream environment so she was exposed to 'normal' kids, and they were exposed to her, and that would mean greater acceptance."

"But that's in an ideal world, in reality that will never happen because there just aren't the resources."

The future of Broomhill Bank was debated in Parliament in April last year. Mr Clark presented a case why the school should not be changed as supporters watched from the public gallery.

KCC wants the school to admit boys and axe a unit which caters for girls aged 16 to 19.

But education minister Parmjit Dhandu said the Government could not dictate what the outcome should be.

Mr Wales said: "The local authority is having difficulty providing an adequate education for children of all abilities across Kent. Children diagnosed with complex learning difficulties (CLD), such as autism, are becoming a disruptive element in mainstream."

"KCC's answer is to re-designate all the special schools to CLD and place those that are not disruptive with mild learning difficulties into mainstream schools."

"The issue I have with this is the vulnerable position this then puts these children in and the fact that the resources put in place are woefully inadequate to provide an appropriate education for them."

He said his daughter's statement of special educational needs (SEN), which is a legal document, entitled her to 30 hours one-to-one teaching support a week but that she only received 25, because of the school's funding restraints.

Laura is also supposed to receive occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and physiotherapy. Because she does not, Mr Wales, who works for a military research and development company, funds the therapy himself.

He said: "This I do because once this time is gone you cannot turn the clock back. If I do not help her now then she can never regain it and consequently she will become a greater burden on the state – something this Government is trying to prevent."

"Unfortunately, the policies put in place by this Government mean that there will be a lot more people who will be more reliant on the state than they may have been if adequate resources were targeted now."

Cllr Chris Wells, of KCC, said he would be happy to discuss Mr Wales' concerns with him. He added: "It is not uncommon for families to feel that their own immediate experience is reflective of the service as a whole. Like everyone else, there are times we could learn by experience. However, most children receive the right support."

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## The cost of supermarkets

CONCERNS have been raised that "urban food deserts" will be created if out-of-town supermarkets continue to dominate the food industry.

Researchers in Canada coined the phrase to describe how city-dwellers on low incomes have poor access to healthy and affordable foods.

The Forum of Private Business (FPB) said the study, carried out in London, Ontario, found smaller food shops were being forced to close because of large supermarkets.

It warned that the same effect could soon spread to cities and urban centres across the UK.

"This study highlights some of

the unforeseen impacts of these hypermarkets," said Matt Goodman, of the FPB.

"It seems we don't fully understand how opening these stores impacts on a community's ability to support the people who live and work there."

"The Government must act to help foster sustainable communities in towns and cities across the UK, and promote local retailers and local produce."

The Competition Commission is due to publish the results of an investigation into inequalities in the groceries market.

It has found already that since 2000 sales in supermarkets have grown by 26 per cent.

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■ A PRISONER due to face armed robbery charges has escaped from police custody. Tony Turner was being transferred from Pentonville Prison in London when a car pulled up beside the prison van and three armed men threatened the guards. The Metropolitan Police has launched an appeal for help to trace him but have advised people not to approach him and dial 999 immediately if he is spotted. Police said there have been no sightings since he escaped on April 2 but believe he could turn up in Kent, Essex and east London. He is d white with receding brown hair and green eyes.





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### HI!

I'm Cheryl, 31, 5'8", blonde, size 10, have 2 girls, I like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership. Box 437744

### TALL

black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

### SINGLE

Mum, 30, 5'2", short dark hair, petite, loves clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437985

### LIVELY

attractive female, 32, 5'5", single, looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 439124

### SINGLE

Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5'8", dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941

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old woman, 5'8", brown hair, curvy figure, I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLTm nice, kind gent. Box 439022

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### BUBBLY

40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTm a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

### FM

Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 439592

### 42-YEAR-OLD

female, 5'8", slim, down-to-earth, normal love bowling, cinema, seeks, seeking a male, 40-55, for friendship/more. Box 436163

### MUM

of two, 54, blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, loves eating out, staying in, holidays, seeking male 37-45 with similar interests for LTR. Box 895908

### TALL

outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat. Box 435178

### FUN-LOVING

affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, fit, romantic male. Box 435178

### BUBBLY

female, 41, 5'2", NS, likes pubs, restaurants, cinema, GSOH, interior design, seeks like minded, fun male for good times. Box 892793

### HARD-WORKING

female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values LTR. Box 414156

### ONE

woman, 40, no lies, one tie, honest, warm and kind. Are you tall, single, motivated, get on? If so get in touch. Box 918163

### NATURAL

blonde lady, 45, living in Hove area, WLTm genuine, professional, successful guy to share good things in life. Enjoy walks, travel, walks, countryside etc. Box 439391

### 44YR

old female, blonde, 5'8", slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

### PETITE

sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm NS man to share things with. Box 429682

### HI

I'm 46, MSc, laughter, sensitivity and love. I guess that's what I want, but with someone special, are you him? Box 156956

### FRIENDLY

bubbly fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55 who enjoys life. Box 895165

### SALLY

44yr old woman, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes films, animals, days out and love to travel. Box 895956

### CARING

female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

### LOVELY

single Mum, 36, 5'4", blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 437744

### CUTE

single mum of 4, 39yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

### ATTRACTIVE

39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/more. Box 437985

### 38YR

old woman, 5'8", slim, long hair, love rock music, concerts, bikes, in need of attention, love and respect. Box 437714

### MANDY

38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTm honest, romantic NS man. Box 432693

### KENT

female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no lies, likes cosy nights in socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks lively, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152822

### HONEST

lady, 40, slim, like walks, cinema, looking for nice man to share quality time together and cuddles. Box 437940

### DECENT

39yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739651

### BUBBLY

separated female, 40, slim, love meeting new people and enjoying life, looking for an understanding man for happiness. Box 895246

### YOUNG-LOOKING

slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar male, 42-50, WLTm similar. Box 439633

### HI

I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 439633

### GENUINE

friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, similar interests. Box 439633

### YOUNG-AT-HEART

female, 48, medium build, 5'2", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435098

### LOVELY

female, 49, divorced, 5'2", shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, WLTm genuine man for company. Box 437724

### NEW

to this, I'm a 58yr old woman, and I enjoy walks, theatre, meals out, and WLTm genuine man for company. Box 437724

### PETITE

brunette, bubbly and friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. With genuine male to see where life takes us! Box 835522

### 49Y/O

female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular visiting, dining, loving and laughing, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438844

### HI

I'm Anne, 50, 5'2", medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoy bowling, cinema, meals out, walks, like holidays, WLTm a like-minded man to share interests with. Box 438974

### LOVING

lady, 50, 5'4", lovely, cuddly female, 50, 5'4", loves rock music, walking, films, WLTm easygoing male for uncomplicated relationship, good times. Box 894299

### 50YR

old woman, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 892611

### LOVING

and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, DIY, swimming, looking for a gentleman to be knighted. Box 909974

### HI

I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420180

### LOVELY

bubbly, affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeks like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

### SPORTY

female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 45-60, 5'10", 5'6". Box 165367

### BRIGHT

lady, 52, 5'4", dark hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419862

### HI

I'm kind, caring, attractive lady, 53yr young, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, GSOH, enjoys walking, travelling, etc. WLTm similar male, looking for friendship/LTR. Box 439240

### HI

I'm Helen, 56, 5'2", slim, young at heart, enjoy many interests - walking, cinema, eating out, drives in the country. WLTm similar male, GSOH essential! Box 439296

### HAPPILY

divorced female, 56, 5'4", slim, blonde/blue, attractive, intelligent, likes a laugh, cinema, cooking, walks; WLTm compatible male for everyday romance. Box 439231

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### PARTIALLY

disabled 58yr old country woman, 5'5", fairly attractive, enjoys gardening, home life, WLTm country loving man for company and possibly LTR. Box 439065

### FM

59, smoke/drink and ride a motorbike but I'm intelligent man, caring and loving, with GSOH and many friends, but still looking for someone special. Box 893919

### HAPPY

contented solvent lady, 59, NS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822

### CLASSY

intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active; enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening, WLTm sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138

### HI

I'm Maggie, 52', reddish hair, love social evenings in, pub/quizzes, live music, socialising, WLTm a sociable, lively like-minded man for happy times. Box 893458

### 61-YEAR-OLD

lively, divorcee, blonde, smart, medium build, looking for a gentleman to be knighted in shining armour. Box 439013

### HI

I'm Stuart, 36, 6'6", short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking fun-loving, likeable guy for loyalty and love. Box 437106

### HONEST

kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6'8", walks, cinema, theatre, travel, family life, WLTm friendly, genuine female, Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

### MARGA

quite quick-baked and easy-going, seeking a lady to enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks and days out with, hopefully much more. Box 438359

### CARING

reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, NS, no ties, GSOH, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and love. Enjoy good company like a drink and music. Box 897985

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loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading a fun life, looking for a relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

### YOUNG

39-year-old single male of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun. Box 435048

### HI

I'm 39, slim, 5'10", I love walking the dogs, sports, socialising with friends, cinema, pubs, clubs, live music, travel, seeking NS female 30-45 with GSOH. Box 434424

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lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 439246

### USEFUL

intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/aging, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, un-complicated male, NS, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first. Box 434345

### BLONDE

lady, 60s, 5'8", slim, NS, I like holidays, dancing, 60s music and country & western. WLTm tall, sincere gent. Box 436618

### TALL

guy, dark hair, medium build, a chap. Would love to meet a laid back woman, for friendship, and maybe more. South-east area. Box 439504

### HI

I'm 25, with brown hair, brown eyes, 6'8", muscular, WLTm a young blonde, from Canterbury preferably, for some good times. Box 439317

### ATLETIC

build male, 43, 5'8", blue eyes, likes night in and out, sea-fishing, seeking a nice lady. I like to know and see what happens. Box 439330

### LOVING

guy, in Ashford, I'm 43, and have dark hair/blue eyes, medium build. I enjoy theatre, holidays,

# KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

## Opik not cheeky to air his views

WHEN Lembit Opik MP came to Gravesend to raise legitimate concerns about a proposed skyscraper that has been met with far less than universal approval, council leader Mike Snelling saw fit to describe him as a "national joke".

While Mr Opik's public image is dominated by his relationship with his Cheeky Girl fiancée and appearances on light entertainment shows, his political position is that of housing spokesman for the country's third biggest political party.

While that party may not have local representation in Gravesend, he is more than entitled to air his views on a development that many residents, and many of our readers, have grave reservations about.

## Guide teens on safe path to sex

BRITAIN has among the highest rates of teenage pregnancy in Europe and new figures show some areas of Kent are above the national average.

Sexual health clinics, such as the one at Sittingbourne Community College, may be the way forward and not just because they make contraception easily available.

Telling teenagers under 16 not to have sex does not work. But having a place they where can talk about their relationships and get advice about sex and how to be safe is vital.

A culture of openness and advice in all aspects of life seems to be prevalent at the school – this means the young people are being given the confidence to allow them to make the right choices for themselves.

## OPINION: Support local musicians

A DARK saloon bar in Austin, Texas, is not normally the place you would expect to find yourself surrounded by Brits.

Unless that is you are there during America's biggest music festival South-by-Southwest.

SXSW has been running for 22 years now and is the biggest showcase opportunity for young British music talent hoping to be spotted by the big music moguls who still gravitate there to enjoy four days of beer, sun, tacos, networking and of course great music.

It was while sipping my beer at that bar and nursing my sunburn that I began really noticing the accents of the numerous British musicians around me.

The UK has for a number of years offered significant funding for music development in regions of the country which are deemed to be 'in need'.

This has led over time to the development of various regional music associations such as the Welsh Music Foundation, the Manchester City Music Network, Generator in the North East of England, the Scottish Highland and Island Music Enterprise Scheme. These organisations have helped their local talent grow and access funding.

So why is there no Kent Music Association to help our local venues and local talent develop

## We should be doing more for emerging talent on our own doorstep, says JULIA JONES

new audiences, and achieve greater levels of music success?

Herein lies the problem. The South East of England is viewed as a 'wealthy' region. Therefore, we do not qualify for the funding that other regions of the UK do although there are some possible finance options available to musicians who have the tenacity to battle through the paperwork.

How then can we help our home-grown talent? This is certainly the year for the Kent audience to rise to the occasion and help catapult one of our undiscovered acts into the limelight.

This year of 2008 has become a huge year for music in the county. We are suddenly spoilt for choice with an array of great festivals, music venues, and music education courses thanks to a small number of enthusiastic people behind the scenes who are making this happen.

Even within the next few months we have festivals such as Radio 1's Big Weekend, Zoo Thousand, Sellindge Music Festival, Lounge on the Farm, and Sound Island. All drawing famous names to their line-ups such as Madonna, Mark Ronson, The Hoosiers, Scouting For Girls and

Katherine Jenkins, and all making a commitment to also showcase local acts.

Radio stations are also stepping up their support, including BBC Kent rolling out the national 'BBC Introducing' tour at venues around the county as we speak.

The network of local music talent is getting stronger and if you catch a local music gig you will find that the standard of performance is much higher than you might expect.

Even the Government has realised that with manufacturing and service industries relocating to cheaper countries our economy is going to be more reliant on our UK music industry than ever before.

In response to this many more music education courses have been provided in Kent both at further and higher education level.

In September, Canterbury Christ Church University will expect to have more than 100 commercial music degree students at its Broadstairs campus, with an additional influx of students expected into the new music industry management degree launching this year.

Students learn 'hands-on',



working with local emerging artists such as Richard Pollott and Billy Rebel through the in-house C3U record label, and interacting with students in New York and Sydney through real-life music businesses such as The BritBus Tour.

We are in a good position to really establish Kent as a strong music county with successful music businesses and acts who break through to the mainstream international audience.

In my opinion the bottom line is that we don't necessarily need funding or a regional music association to achieve this.

We just need enthusiastic and supportive audiences who really get behind a local act that they find they love.

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**Julia Jones is founding director of the BritBus Tour.**



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## Christianity at home

The Archbishop of Canterbury's concern for Christians in the Middle East is laudable. It is just a pity he doesn't show the same concern for the plight of Christians in this country.

*PJE Pepper  
Ramsgate*

## My bike beats the bus

Thanks to my free pass I could travel all the way from my home in Gravesend to the ancient Cornish town of Penzance – known the world over for sand and fish – and it wouldn't cost me a penny!

Apart, that is, from the exorbitant cost of several nights' accommodation, the inflated cost of restaurant and café food and the ruinous cost of a private ambulance all the way home after developing pneumonia waiting in the rain in some Cornish station car park for the Wednesday bus, which is a day late.

As a pensioner, I appreciate the chance to swan about the country, free of charge, from Penzance to Great Yarmouth, from Portsmouth to Berwick. But what I'd appreciate more is being able to get into town before 10am to do my shopping and get home in time for lunch.

Nowadays, the first bus in Gravesend town centre after 9.30am is so crowded it sometimes sails past, leaving people at the stop. And some people find it impossible to get through the crush to alight at the stop they want.

I have a suspicion the free bus pass isn't a favour to old folk at all. It's part of a conspiracy by the road builders, the carmakers and the oil companies to stuff the buses to bursting point and make public transport so intolerable we are all forced to go by car.

Personally, now that the warmer weather is here, I'm going to go back to the bike. It's goodbye to puking kids, goodbye to mobile phones with novelty ring tone and goodbye to consumptives coughing down my neck. I may never see Lampeter, but at least I shall get home from the shops early.

*Michael Reeves  
Gravesend*

# In defence of the building trade

The Office of Fair Trading's investigation into the practice of cover prices within the contracting industry is of interest to me as I was employed as an estimator in the service side of the contracting industry.

Therefore I would like to make a few comments in defence of those legitimate companies who due to circumstance try to keep a customer happy, at times when they were too busy to submit a bona fide tender.

Under the rules of competitive tendering, customers must invite a minimum number of contractors to tender for their work. This requirement can present a customer with a problem in selecting a sufficient number of contractors who have the capacity to meet a particular specification.

Conversely, contracting companies who trade within a competitive market, operate with a limited number of overhead staff, that includes their sales

and estimating department.

Therefore there are times when invitations to tender are received and the contractor's estimating department are committed to other tenders and cannot take on any more work within the time scale. Or the company may wish to decline the invitation due to hostile terms and conditions or the very nature of the job. Who would want to carry out construction work in Basra?

To decline a job for such legitimate reasons can often lead to the customer removing a contractor from his preferred supplier list and cause him a problem with finding another contractor, so he can comply with the rules of competitive tendering.

Therefore in order to maintain goodwill a contractor may seek the cover price solution. After all there are many ways of saying no without causing offence and

problems for a future customer.

If there are six companies tendering and two present a cover price, there are still four competitive tenders and only one winner, who in the case of local authorities and government departments is generally the lowest, even if it looks ridiculously cheap!

To conclude, I have never knowingly been involved in such practice, but have been aware of it and I would never condone a practice that would trick a customer into paying more than a fair price for a job.

However, I do think the OFT should revise the ground rules that government and local authorities are required to work to. Thus enabling contracting companies to present quality bids within a realistic time scale and at a price that is both affordable and profitable.

*Victor Allen  
Wouldham*

## We are getting angry

I am so angry and outraged about your article headlined, 'A voice for those with learning disabilities'.

My son is 26 years old and has Down's syndrome. He is very happy in his day centre.

He has a wonderful, very structured day; just the tonic they need.

They have many projects ongoing which are expertly run. I'd love for my son to have a wife and children but this will never happen. If he had a child who would help him and

give him support? Not anyone at Kent County Council. My phone has not stopped ringing. There are angry people out there.

*L Surridge  
Herne Bay*

## There is no secrecy

I am writing in response to last week's article titled 'Councillors told to declare business links' which focused on information held by KCC and details of members' commercial interests. It is clear we have never attempted

to hide this information and there are, in fact, many ways which members of the public have access to wide-ranging information about members of the council.

The Information Point at County Hall, Maidstone holds a bank of documents and information which can be seen by members of the public. In addition our website records minutes of council meetings, webcasts and background papers as well as decision documents are also easily accessible.

Information regarding members' commercial interests are held in a publicly available document called the Register of Interests and can currently be viewed by appointment. From June the whole picture will be accessible via the internet making it easier for those who live outside Maidstone who may wish to access the register.

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## BIRTHS

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Maria and Stuart of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Jack Adrian Adams on 16th April 2008. A brother for Jordan Ethan and Baylee.

### ALLAN

Nicola and John of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Sean Daniel Alexander, born on 15th April 2008 at QEOM Hospital. Brother for Jacob and Harry.

### AUSTIN

Craig and Kayleigh Weatherly of Canterbury celebrate the birth of their son Harrison Mark Austin on 12th April 2008.

### BROWN

Alan and Tracey of Boughton under Blean are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lewis Benjamin Brown, on 15th April 2008. A new baby brother for Adam, Daniel and Thomas.

### CAPEWELL

Cathryn and Daniel are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Evie Louise, born on 7th April 2008 at Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital Margate.

### CAPRIGLIONE

Andrew and Gemma of Staplehurst are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Ellie Mia Capriglione born 30th March 2008 weighing 4lb 9oz.

### CHAMPKIN

Matthew and Gemma of Tonbridge proudly announce the arrival of their baby son Daniel James, born 16th April 2008 weighing 7lb 6oz.

### CHARLTON

Esme Louise born on 1st April 2008 to elated parents Karen and Tom weighing a healthy 8lb 12oz at Pembury Hospital.

### CLARK

Tony and Claire of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Charlotte Rebecca, on 10th April 2008. A new baby sister for Harrison.

### DURI

Alexander and Hazel (of Canterbury) are delighted to welcome the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Isabella Makaanaka, on 9th April 2008.

### FINLAY

Charlotte and Iain Finlay of Staple are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Holly Ann Finlay on 31st March 2008.

### GANNON

Damien and Niina are pleased to announce the birth of their son Thomas on 16th April 2008 weighing 8lb 5oz. A brother for Ben and Sam.

### GUTZWILLER

To Baz and Sian of Canterbury a beautiful daughter, Ali, born on 8th April 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz.

### HAZELWOOD

Marc and Lorraine are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Elise Tia Hazelwood. Elise was born at 10.35am on the 7th April at Maidstone Hospital and weighed 8lb 3oz.

### HOILE

Anthony and Emma of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their son, Henry James, on 11th April 2008.

### JOHNSON

Carole, Simon and baby William of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of Samuel Thomas Roger, born on 9th April 2008.

### KENDALL

To John and Natalie of Herne Bay, a son, George, born on 5th April 2008. A new baby brother for Lily.

### KNOWLES

Terry and Terry of Langton Green are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Rosa Grace on 13th April 2008 a sister for Lily Florence.

### KOEHLER-PRICE

Ffinian born on 5th April 2008, weighing 8lbs 4oz. Son to Aline and Richard Koehler-Price in Hollingbourne.

### LUSHER

Paul and Charlotte are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Ellie Emma on 3rd April 2008 weighing 6lb 2oz, a sister for Jay William.

### MARCHESE

Jessica Holly Marchese born on 18th April 2008, weighing 7lb 13oz. Daughter to Kevin and Ruth Marchese and sister to Chloe and Dominic, in Larkfield.

### MCDONNELL

Patrick and Andrea are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jake Oliver on 6th April 2008 weighing 8lb 10oz. A brother for Joseph.

### NICHOLL

Dean and Emma are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Shannon-Louise Theresa on 31st March 2008 weighing 3lb 15oz at Pembury Hospital.

### OWEN

Crispin and Ellen of Langton Green are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Matilda Clementine Rosemary Owen born 25th March 2008 weighing 8lb 10oz.

### PALMER-BUTTERY

Paul and Jackie are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Gemma Elisabeth on 24th March 2008 weighing 3lb 3oz. With special thanks to everyone at the Special Care Baby Unit at Pembury.

### READ

Layla Jane Louise. Born on 13th April 2008, weighing 7lbs 8oz. Daughter of Stacey Read.

### REDDICK

Iesha born on 15th April 2008, weighing 7lbs 9oz. Daughter to Kelly Connors and Ronald Reddick in Deal.

### REILLY

Sean and Nicole of Chartham are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Alexander Sean Nicolas, on 7th April 2008. Alexander weighed 9lb 10z. A new baby brother for James.

### RICHARDS-TAZEY

Jennifer was born on 19th April 2008 weighing 6lbs 8oz. Daughter to Mum and Dad Claire and Darren.

### ROFF

Jai and Lysette are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Verena Patricia Rachel Roff born on 14th April 2008 weighing 6lb 5oz.

## ROLFE

Dan and Nicola Rolfe are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Lois Poppy born on 30th March 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital weighing 7lb 10z.

## SPARKS

Robert and Hayley of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Mary-Jane Colleen Sparks born 17th April 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz.

## TASKER

Amber Maria born on 12th April 2008 weighing 7lb 10z. Daughter for Zoe and sister for Zane.

## TRAVELL

Mark and Christine Travell of Tonbridge are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Caitlin Lisa Simister Travell born 15th April 2008 weighing 7lb 13oz.

## TWYMAN

Alfie Twyman born on 28th March 2008, weighing 8lbs 5oz. Son to Chris and Claire and little brother to Chloe.

## WAYMAN

Harvey born on 15th April 2008, weighing 6lbs 2oz. Son to Alice and Chris and brother to Justin in Maidstone.

## WILKINSON

Gina and Murray celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Emma Leigh born on 16th April 2008 weighing 7lb 6oz.

## WOOD

William Francis born to proud parents Steven and Naomi on 15th April 2008 at Pembury Hospital.

## YOUNG-ROGERS

Victoria Elizabeth born on 8th April 2008 weighing 6lb 5oz. A daughter for Daryl and Felicity and sister to Wesley.

## DEATHS

### ALDRIDGE

Ronald Edgar of Garlinge, formerly of Maidstone passed away peacefully on Wednesday 16th April 2008 aged 89.

## BERRIMAN

Kathleen Berriman nee Couchman passed away Monday 14th April at Darent Valley Hospital. Enquiries to Horlock Funeral Services Northfleet. Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

## EDWARDS

Joyce passed away peacefully on 19th April 2008 at Hospice in the Weald. Loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be sadly missed. All enquiries via Alex Jones of Lingfield.

## ELSDON

Elizabeth Elsdon of Lavenders West Malling died peacefully on 15th April 2008 aged 91. Thank you to all the staff at Lavenders for their wonderful care.

## FIELDER

Frances Cameron Fielder of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 14th April 2008. Loving wife of Ray, loving mum to Layla and Ross and much loved granny to Maia and Ayla. Words cannot express how much she will be missed. The funeral was held on Tuesday 22nd April at Barham.

## HALLIDAY

Gladys Rose Halliday of Lavender House West Malling, formerly of Blackfen Sidcup, passed away peacefully on 16th April 2008, aged 92.

## HARDING

Audrey Patience passed away peacefully on 16th April 2008. A wonderful sister. She will be ever in our thoughts. Service at Eltham Crematorium 1st May 2pm. All enquiries to Co-op Funeralcare Dartford.

## HORTON

Trevor John Horton passed away on the 6th April 2008. Ex Dormobile, Queens Royal Regiment (Buffs). Aged 75 years. Funeral at Hawkinge Crematorium 2nd May 2008 at 11.45am. Family flowers only. Any willing donations to be entwined in Trevors gravestone as a memorial memory. Via Chittendens Folkestone.

## JUPP

Norman Victor Jupp of Staplehurst, passed away peacefully on the 14th April 2008, aged 86. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

## KELLY

Elizabeth Kelly beloved wife of Alex passed away 15th April 2008. Sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium 1st May 11am.

## LLOYD

June Rose Lloyd passed away suddenly at her home in Faversham on 17th April 2008. A loving mum to Tony and Diane and much loved Nan to Gavin, Matthew and Kaleigh. Reunited and together again with her husband. The funeral is to be held at Charing on Tuesday April 29th at 10.40am. All flowers welcome as June loved them.

## QUICKFALL

Paul Gregory Quickfall of Westgate on Sea passed away on 16th April 2008. Enquiries to Gore Brothers Westgate on Sea 01843 835836.

## SKOULDING

Eileen Jessie Skoulding of Canterbury passed away peacefully, at her home, on 12th April 2008. Beloved wife of Kedeir and loving mum to Karen and Andrew. Much loved grandma to Omar and Ami. The funeral was held on 22nd April 2008 at Barham Crematorium on 24th April.

## SHEILA CLARKE

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Sheila peacefully passed away on the 18th April, following a 12 year fight against cancer. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

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Cremation at Barham 14.00 Thursday 29th. No flowers but kindly feel free to make donations, if you wish, to the PILGRIMS HOSPICE (Canterbury) in consideration of the wonderful care and kindness to Sheila in her last 8 days.

Norman-Ashley-Adrian/Helle & Family.

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The Audit Commission recognises Kent as an 'excellent authority' and we are proud of the achievements KCC has made and the recognition the council has received for managing public money efficiently.

Members know and understand the importance of transparency in

their dealings and we will continue to keep residents as well informed as we can on the issues affecting Kent.

Alex King MBE  
KCC Deputy Leader  
County Hall  
Maidstone

## Engine improved

I read your article on April 13 about Frank Perkins and the diesel engine with some interest, but think it should be put into context.

As I stated in my book, the successful diesel engine had already been designed and manufactured by Aveling and Porter at Strood. Frank Perkins was able to recognise the potential and buy the rights to an existing product on the collapse of

Agricultural and General Engineers. This puts a slightly different gloss on the story, which may have been about improvements to an existing product rather than the impression given of starting from scratch.

Jim Preston  
Rochester

## Good practice

Your report entitled 'Communist KCC is controlling means of production' kept us laughing all through lunch as we envisaged that spectre stalking Kent.

And it was also the misunderstanding shown by the report which classified 'service activities' as 'means of production' which capped the entertainment;

we were reminded of the description in the Communist Manifesto of the 'nursery tale of the spectre' which that publication was debunking.

But, to be serious; many of the activities in the list in your article have been carried on by direct labour, plus specialised contracts, at least since World War Two.

From 1960 to 1980 I was employed as a surveyor by KCC to, (amongst other things), manage the branch of the estates department which carried out landscaping and grounds maintenance in a tradition which had been established by the old Agriculture Department during the war and I well remember the pride of the Conservative chairmen of the council during that time in the embellishment to the Garden of

England which the grounds of their schools, buildings and roadsides presented as examples of good practice; long may it continue.

Leslie Turner  
Maidstone

## Class warrior

The practice of giving places at Kent schools to outsiders is wrong and must stop. I get nothing from Sussex or Bromley councils so it is unfair for my council tax to pay for the education of children whose parents are almost certainly richer than me.

Also it is wrong that our own Kentish children have a lesser chance of going to a top school.

Quentin Williamson  
Dartford



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## Stocktake reveals basic skills failings

POOR basic skills in English and maths are affecting customer service and the performance of businesses across the South East, an employers' group has revealed.

A national survey by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) found that more than half of employers lack confidence in their ability to find enough people with the right skills for their business.

Malcolm Hyde, CBI South East regional director, said: "A worrying number of employers have little confidence that they will be able to plug their skills gaps."

"In our new stocktake of the region's skills, too many firms also say poor basic skills are hampering customer service and acting as a drag on their business's performance."

Students across Kent are getting ready for the summer's round of exams for GCSEs, A-levels, degrees and other qualifications.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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Mr Hyde said: "Being skilled is all the more important in an increasingly global economy, and our message to students is that your hard work to attain the right skills and good qualifications is essential to securing quality, well-paid jobs after school, college or university."

### Science

"This survey is also an alarm call to students and universities, who may be surprised by just how much employers also value the 'softer' skills that make people more employable."

"This means being a good team-worker, communicator and problem-solver is vital and getting work experience goes a long way with a future employer."

The survey, jointly carried out by the CBI and Edexcel, covered 35 firms that employ 1.7 million people between them.

It found that 40 per cent of employers had serious concerns about employees' basic literacy and numeracy skills.

Almost half of companies are having problems recruiting staff skilled in science subjects including technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

This is coupled with high demand for these skills with 92 per cent of firms across all sectors saying they want people trained in these subjects.

The CBI blames a low take-up of STEM subjects at universities as contributing to the problem.

Over the past decade there has been a 15 per cent fall in engineering and technology graduates, the CBI said.

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## Centre's revamp

SPORTS therapy and Indian head massage are courses Kent County Council is offering at its refurbished adult education centre.

The Holmesdale centre is offering seven, six-hour sessions, which are open to the public, throughout May and June.

A course called, 'Would you make a beauty therapist?' is among those on offer.

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12.5 hours per week  
Ashford

### Lecturer in ESOL

Variable hours, fixed-term until 31st July 2008  
Folkestone

### Life Long Learning Network Co-ordinator

11 hours per week, fixed-term until 31st July 2009  
Ashford

### Assessor - Health and Care (Promoting Independence)

37 hours per week  
Folkestone

### Assessor - Health and Care (Children and Young People)

37 hours per week  
Folkestone

### Administration Assistant

37 hours per week, fixed-term until 31st March 2010  
Folkestone

### Systems Technician

37 hours per week  
Ashford

**The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is Wednesday 7th May 2008.**

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk)

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### Civil Enforcement Officers x 5

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**post:** Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall,  
Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN11 1RS  
**e-mail:** [personnel@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:personnel@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)  
**phone:** 01892 554149 (24 hour answerphone)  
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## Further Education Sports Co-ordinator (FESCO)

Salary: £28,378 pro rata per annum

Location: South Kent College, Folkestone

Post: 15 hours per week

(3 year fixed-term contract renewable subject to continuous funding)

**For South Kent College based at Folkestone as part of The Shepway School Sport Partnership.**

We are looking for a committed individual to develop this new role of a Further Education Sport Co-ordinator. As a pilot partnership, The Shepway School Sport Partnership and South Kent College are looking to appoint an individual (teacher or non teacher) to support the development and delivery of sport for the 16-19 age group.

As a new role the FESCO will look to audit the current provision of sport for this age group and work to implement strategies and schemes focused on widening participation, increasing opportunity and improving both intra and inter college competition.

The successful candidate will have a passion for sport and have experience of working within either an education or sports development setting. They will have excellent interpersonal skills, hold the ability to be part of a team whilst also working on their own initiative. They will have the determination and commitment to make a difference and have a true belief in the value of sport.

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## Communities

### Customer and Theatre Services

## Catering Supervisor

**Salary: Circa £17,000 – £19,000**

An enthusiastic, self motivated supervisor is required to head up a busy catering team at the Woodville Halls Theatre. You will oversee the day to day running of a well appointed bar and Spotlites cafe, as well as catering for a variety of functions and corporate events at the Civic Centre.

You will hold a current Basic Health and Hygiene Certificate and preferably have experience in a supervisory role. A recognised qualification would be an advantage.

A good working knowledge of budgets, stock control procedures and customer care are also essential. **Ref: CS/AT** Closing date is: **9 May, 2008.**

## Commissionaire

**Salary: Circa £6,500 – £8,500 pa, including unsocial hours payment  
2 part time posts – 18.5 hours per week on a rota basis**

The postholders will be responsible for providing an out of hours meet & greet and security service to the Civic Centre and Woodville Halls, on a shift basis which will involve an element of a lone-working.

The ideal candidate will be a good team player with experience of working in a customer facing role. Good communication and IT skills are essential as well as the ability to work under pressure.

Knowledge of health and safety and/or experience working in a cleaning and/or caretaking role would be an advantage. **Ref: C/AT** Closing date is: **9 May, 2008.**

## Communities

### Customer Services

## Part time Administrative Assistant

**Salary: Circa £6,500 – £8,000**

**Part time post – 20 hours per week, Mon – Fri, 1 – 5pm**

We are looking for a part time Administrative Assistant to undertake a variety of administration tasks and assist with internal and external enquires within the customer services department.

Working as part of a dedicated, multiskilled team you will possess good administrative and customer service skills, be competent in Word, Excel and Outlook Express and have a flexible approach to the role.

Applicants should be available to provide additional cover during peak periods and sickness when necessary. **Ref: AA/AT** Closing date is: **9 May, 2008.**

## Part time Customer Service Officers

**Salary: Circa £15,500 – £18,500 pro rata**

**Post A: Mon – Fri, 8.45am – 1.00pm**

**Post B: Mon – Fri, 12:30pm – 4.00pm**

As part of a dedicated, multi skilled team these posts are based in our state of the art Customer Contact Centre and involve dealing with customers via telephone, face to face and written communication.

Successful applicants will have excellent customer service and communication skills, a professional approach together with a working knowledge of IT and the ability to adapt and learn IT systems quickly.

Experience of working within a customer facing role and working to deadlines often under pressure is also essential.

Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process. **Ref: CSO/AT** Closing date is: **9 May, 2008.**

## Housing and Environment

### Housing Contracts

## Surveyor (Contracts)

**Salary: Circa £24,000 to £29,500**

Gravesham Borough Council is currently looking to recruit an experienced Housing Surveyor to join a small team at Brookvale Depot in Northfleet.

Gravesham has a housing stock of 6000 with 2 strategic partners delivering services to complete the Capital and Revenue expenditure programmes. You will be involved in the organisation and monitoring of building related projects and schemes and will assist in the delivery of the Capital works, Decent Homes and revenue programmes.

You will hold an HNC (Building) or equivalent with extensive experience in social housing maintenance.

The position is subject to successful CRB clearance. A clean current driving license is essential. **Ref: CT/CS** Closing date is: **16 May, 2008.**

## Supervisor – Gas/Energy

**Salary: Circa £21,500 to £25,500**

Gravesham Borough Council is currently looking to recruit a Gas/Energy Surveyor to manage the cyclical gas servicing for 6000 properties currently carried under a partnership agreement. You will be required to supervise 300 new gas central heating installations each year, as well as identifying energy saving initiatives and implementing these initiatives to improve the SAP rating of the Council's housing stock.

You will possess Corgi/ACS or compatible gas safety certification or a pertinent higher qualification and have experience of managing or assisting with the management of gas service, safety and installation work relating to housing stock.

The position is subject to successful CRB clearance. A clean current driving license is essential. **Ref: SGE/CT** Closing date is: **16 May, 2008.**

### For an application form and job description please contact:

Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre,  
Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

**Telephone:** 01474 33 70 00

**Email:** customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

**Website:** www.gravesham.gov.uk

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#### Publications & Design Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum

Post Ref: 08/25

#### Trainer Demonstrator Business

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/46

#### Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT, Retail and Commercial, Leisure and Tourism, Business & Law

37 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time.

Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/66

#### Recruitment Officer

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Post Ref: RO2

For an application pack please visit [www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk) or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts Monday 12 May at 12 noon.

#### Staff benefits include:

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- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Close to City Centre
- Staff Discount Scheme

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## Sevenoaks District Council

Sevenoaks District Council is classed as an 'Excellent Council' according to the Audit Commission. The Council is also a Times newspaper 'Best Council to work for' awards winner, the Local Government Chronicle 'Finance award' winner and has 'Investors in People' status.

### Community and Planning Services Department Sevenoaks Direct Services

#### Street Sweeper/Driver Ref:CS.807

£15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a.  
with exceptional performance (pay award pending)  
plus a final salary contributory pension scheme

You will be a part of the team maintaining the cleanliness of the streets within the Sevenoaks District Council area, and be based at Dunbriik Depot, Sundridge.

You will need to be physically capable of carrying out the duties of the post, presentable in appearance and prepared to work as part of a team. You will be working a 37 hour week and you must hold a driving licence that allows you to drive a vehicle up to 7.5 tonnes.

#### Mobile Office/Public Convenience Cleaners x3 Ref:CS.911

£15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a.  
with exceptional performance (pay award pending)  
plus a final salary contributory pension scheme

Sevenoaks District Council provides high quality toilet and office cleaning services across the District and under contract to neighbouring boroughs and Parish Councils.

Your duties will involve the daily cleaning of offices and public conveniences to a specified standard. This will include WC's, basins & urinals, as well as walls, floors, ceilings etc and the removal of graffiti. You will also be expected to restock the facilities with toilet rolls, soap, paper towels etc and be required to record faults and problems and report these to a Supervisor.

You will have use of a Council van to carry out your duties, therefore you must be able to drive and hold a full, clean UK driving licence.

You will be part of a team, but will work independently, and will therefore be reliable and responsible with a flexible approach and able to use initiative.

You will be expected to work on a rota basis which includes early and late shifts including Saturday and Sunday working, with split shifts to maintain daily cleaning standards. Basic working hours are 37 hours per week with overtime or fixed rate payments for hours worked in excess of this.

You will be committed to customer care and delivering a quality service.

Although not essential, knowledge of Hygiene Best Practice and COSHH regulations would be desirable.

For an informal discussion about these posts, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375.

Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities.

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Closing date: Tuesday 6th May 2008 Interview date: Thursday 15th & Friday 16th May 2008

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### Area Team Leader - Primary Mental Health Project Manager

Starting salary £26,159 with progression through contribution related pay to £29,920 per annum  
Swale

Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could you support and offer guidance to other colleagues?

We are seeking to appoint a Team Leader who is bright, full of ideas and enjoys using their initiative, to join our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

The primary function of this role is to establish and support Kent Safe Schools Primary Mental Health Project, a new initiative targeted at young people in Swale schools and working closely with teachers, Health professional and CAMHS workers. You would work with multi-agencies, schools, parents, children and young people with the intention of making schools a safer environment for young people, and to facilitate the referral of young people through schools into mental health support programmes.

In addition to the Project Manager duties, the Area Team Leader will be expected to work closely with all agencies, schools and communities to identify networking opportunities and establish firm partnerships. You will take a shared responsibility for supporting other staff delivering in the same area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, ideally in primary phase. Ref: CFE/08/0147

Closing date: Midday, 8th May 2008.

### Partnership with Parents

Starting salary £26,159, with progression through contribution related pay to £29,920 per annum (pro rata for temporary post)  
Shepway Centre, Maidstone

We are looking to recruit people with exceptional communication skills who are committed to promoting good communication between parents, schools and agencies and increasing parental involvement.

You will need excellent oral and written communication skills, experience of developing partnerships with a wide range of people and experience of working with parents.

### Partnership with Parents Development Officer - Parent Forums

Temporary/Secondment opportunity until April 2009

This is an exciting opportunity for someone with the right skills. We have been contracted by the Extended Schools Service to set up Parent Forums in each LCSP/Cluster. Do you have the skills to help us? Experience of managing projects is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0161

### Partnership with Parents Development Officer

Full time post

This is an exciting opportunity for you to join our team at a time of significant development. We are an arm's length service providing an impartial advice and support service to parents and carers of children with additional needs.

We also work closely with schools, services and agencies to promote parental involvement.

We believe that good communication between all those involved in a child's education is key to good relationships which will help children achieve. Experience of delivering training and knowledge of AEN and SEN processes is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0162

Supervision will be provided for both posts.

Closing date for the above two posts: Midday, 8th May 2008.

The above posts are all subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

### Personnel Assistant

Starting salary £16,627 with progression through contribution related pay to £18,288 pro rata  
Brook House, Whitstable

The Schools' Personnel Service provides a comprehensive personnel service to schools across Kent. This includes giving advice on terms and conditions of employment, producing contracts and liaising with the schools' payroll providers.

We require a part-time Personnel Assistant (job share), working 22 hours per week - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We are looking for good team workers, educated to GCSE level or equivalent, to join our busy, hard working and friendly team. A high degree of tact and confidentiality is required as well as an ability to organise and prioritise work; keep calm under pressure and work to deadlines.

Previous personnel experience would be an advantage but not essential, as full training is given. Ref: CED/08/0049

Closing date: Midday, 7th May 2008.

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## Technical Instructor, Dog Grooming

**£15,888 to £18,569 p.a.**

Working as a member of the Animal Management Team, we are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated full-time Technical Instructor to work with our Dog Grooming Lecturer supporting the teaching and increasing the dog grooming client base and provision.

We are currently building a state-of-the-art Dog Grooming centre providing leading facilities and outstanding learning environment. The successful applicant will be actively involved in this exciting project.

You will also provide demonstration and practical instruction in basic grooming skills to Further Education students. You will be expected to carry out appropriate assessments as well as provide technical assistance to teaching staff, assist with the care of the dogs and maintenance of the resources.

As well as being enthusiastic, flexible and a team player, the successful candidate will need:

- previous relevant practical experience
- excellent written and verbal communication skills
- well developed interpersonal skills
- sound organisational, IT and administration skills
- a recognised dog grooming qualification, or the willingness to work towards one.

As well as contributory pension scheme, sponsorship for further vocational & teacher training, Corporate Membership of local leisure centres and free car parking, this post also attracts 5 weeks holiday each year (excluding bank holidays).

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail us at 'jobs@hadlow.ac.uk'.

Closing date is Monday, 12 May 2008.

Interviews on Friday, 30th May 2008.

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**Co-ordinator Public Services**  
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum    Post Ref: CO46

**Co-ordinator Mathematics**  
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum    Post Ref: 08/61

**Lecturer Public Services**  
27.75 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/38

**Lecturer Health & Social Care**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 07/81

**Lecturer Early Years**  
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum    Post Ref: 06/138

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**Lecturer Key Skills within Early Years and Public Services**  
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum    Post Ref: 08/39

**Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based Studies**  
3 x 37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum    Post Ref: 08/41, 08/42 & 08/43

**Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based Studies**  
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum    Post Ref: 08/44

**Lecturer in Business**  
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum    Post Ref: 08/45

**Lecturer in Hospitality & Catering**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/47

**Lecturer in Performing Arts and Dance Techniques**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/48

**Lecturer in Performing Arts - Theatre Production Arts**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/49

**Lecturer Key Skills in ICT and Application of Number within Dance and Dramatic Arts**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/50

**Lecturer in Media Theory**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/53

**Lecturer in Computer Games and Interactive Media**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/54

**Lecturer in Journalism**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/55

**Lecturer in Graphic Design/Digital Photography**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/56

**Lecturer in French**  
14.8 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/57

**Lecturer in Psychology**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/58

**Lecturer in Forensic Science**  
7.4 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/59

**Lecturer in Science**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/60

**Lecturer HE Graphic Design**  
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum    Post Ref: 08/62

**Lecturer HE Health & Social Care**  
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/63

**Lecturer Corporate ICT**  
2 x 9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: 08/64 & 08/65

**Supply Lecturers Health & Social Care**  
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum    Post Ref: S/H&SC

**Supply Lecturers in Amenity Horticulture**  
Various hours available from July 2008, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum.    Post Ref: S/AH

For an application pack please visit [www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk) or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

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# MEDWAY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### Teacher

#### Burnt Oak Primary School

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Lynn Garnham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Elaine Avenue  
Strood  
Kent ME2 2YN  
Telephone - (01634) 718057  
E-mail headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk  
office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
To apply/more information  
Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Year 3  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive, Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Tel: 01634 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Gordon Junior School

KS2 Teacher (Responsibility for Literacy)  
Salary: MPS + TLR 2b - £3940  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 13 May 2008  
Please contact  
Mrs Ellen Wilson, Headteacher  
Gordon Junior School  
Gordon Road, Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 3HQ  
Telephone - (01634) 719971  
Fax - 01634 290337  
Email headteacher@gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

#### Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Temporary  
Term of contract: Maternity Cover  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr David Bignell, Headteacher  
Hempstead Junior School  
Birch Grove, Hempstead  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 3SD  
Telephone - (01634) 371823  
Fax - 01634 233328  
Email office@hempsteadjr.medway.sch.uk

#### The Pilgrim School

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs D Field, Office Manager  
The Pilgrim School  
Warwick Crescent, Borstal  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 3LF  
Telephone - (01634) 841873  
Email office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

#### Elaine Primary

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Lynn Garnham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Elaine Avenue  
Strood  
Kent ME2 2YN  
Telephone - (01634) 718057  
E-mail headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

#### Twydall Infant

Foundation Stage 2 / Key Stage 1 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs S. Fedosiuk  
Headteacher  
Twydall Infants  
Twydall Lane  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 6JS  
Telephone - (01634) 231761  
Fax - 01634 260144  
Email headteacher@twydallinf.medway.sch.uk

#### Deputy Headteacher

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: L12-L16 + relocation package  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Debbie Willis, Headteacher  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive, Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Elaine Primary

Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: L10-L14 (£43,656-£48,138)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 6 May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Lynn Garnham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Elaine Avenue  
Strood  
Kent ME2 2YN  
Telephone - (01634) 718057  
E-mail headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

#### Headteacher

**Maundene School**  
Headteacher  
Salary: L20-L26 £55,782-£64,611  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
Please contact:  
Sue Bowers, Medway Council  
Civic Centre  
Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 4AU  
Tel: 01634 331100  
Email vacancies@medway.gov.uk

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### Teacher

#### The Thomas Aveling School

Teacher of English  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr R Hart, Headteacher  
The Thomas Aveling School  
Aethusa Road  
Rochester  
Kent, ME1 2UW  
Telephone: 01634 844809  
Fax: 01634 818385  
Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk

#### Greenacre School

Teacher of PE  
Full Time and permanent  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 30 April 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher  
Greenacre School  
Bradfields Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861593  
Email office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

#### Fort Pitt Grammar

Teacher of Religious Education  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs L Maile, Headteacher's PA  
Fort Pitt Grammar  
Fort Pitt Hill  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 6TJ  
Telephone - (01634) 842359  
Fax - 01634817376  
Email headteacher@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk

#### Fort Pitt Grammar

Teacher of Chemistry  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs L Maile, Headteacher's PA  
Fort Pitt Grammar, Fort Pitt Hill, Chatham  
Kent ME4 6TJ  
Telephone - (01634) 842359  
Fax - 01634817376  
Email headteacher@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk

#### Fort Pitt Grammar

Teacher of Psychology  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs L Maile, Headteacher's PA  
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Kent ME4 6TJ  
Telephone - (01634) 842359  
Fax - 01634817376  
Email: headteacher@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk

#### Rainham Mark Grammar

Teacher of Art  
Salary: MPS / UPS  
Full Time and Permanent (Part time considered)  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
School Office  
Rainham Mark Grammar  
Pump Lane  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 7AJ  
Telephone - (01634) 364151  
Fax - 01634 260209  
Email - office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

#### Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Science/ Health and Social Care  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer  
Rainham School For Girls  
Derwent Way, Rainham  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
Fax - 01634 388334  
Email admin@rsg.org.uk

#### Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Music  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 12 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer  
Rainham School For Girls  
Derwent Way, Rainham  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
Fax - 01634 388334  
Email admin@rsg.org.uk

#### Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Teacher of English (to be responsible for KS3 English)  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2c  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Jacqueline Harrison  
Headteacher's PA  
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School  
Maidstone Road  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 3EL  
Telephone - (01634) 844008  
Fax - 01634 818303  
Email office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

#### Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Teacher of History  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Jacqueline Harrison  
Headteacher's PA  
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School  
Maidstone Road, Rochester  
Kent ME1 3EL  
Telephone - (01634) 844008  
Fax - 01634 818303  
Email office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

#### Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Teacher of Mathematics  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Jacqueline Harrison  
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Telephone - (01634) 844008  
Fax - 01634 818303  
Email office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

#### St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of Law  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School  
Ordinance Street, Chatham  
Kent ME4 6DP  
Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Teacher of Science  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs K Crutenden  
Headteachers P.A.  
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School  
Main Road, Hoo, Rochester  
Kent ME3 9HH  
Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Teacher of Maths  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs K Crutenden  
Headteachers P.A.  
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School  
Main Road, Hoo, Rochester  
Kent ME3 9HH  
Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

#### The Thomas Aveling School

Teacher of Business Studies  
Salary: MPS / UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr R Hart, Headteacher  
Aethusa Road, Rochester  
Kent ME1 2UW  
Telephone - (01634) 844809  
Fax - 01634 818385  
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

#### Assistant Faculty Leader

#### St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School  
Ordinance Street, Chatham  
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Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

#### Assistant Curriculum Leader

**The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive**  
Assistant Curriculum leader (Technology)  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs K Crutenden  
Headteachers P.A.  
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#### Advanced Skills Teacher

**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**  
AST Technology  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 7 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Jacqueline Harrison  
Headteacher's PA  
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#### Head of Department

**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**  
Head of Chemistry  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2b  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
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To apply/more information  
Mrs Jacqueline Harrison  
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Maidstone Road  
Rochester, Kent ME1 3EL  
Telephone - (01634) 844008  
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Email office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

#### Walderslade Girls School

Head of Business Studies  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2B  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Walderslade Girls School  
Bradfields Avenue  
Walderslade, Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861596  
Email Headteacher@waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk

#### Curriculum Leader

**Rainham School for Girls**  
Curriculum Leader - Geography  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b (£4,037)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs D Francis  
Personnel Officer  
Rainham School For Girls  
Derwent Way, Rainham  
Gillingham, Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
Fax - 01634 388334  
Email admin@rsg.org.uk

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Curriculum leader - Science  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs K Crutenden  
Headteachers P.A.  
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School  
Main Road, Hoo  
Rochester  
Kent ME3 9HH  
Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

#### Subject Leader

**Greenacre School**  
Subject Leader in English  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 30 April 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr A J Reese  
Headteacher  
Greenacre School  
(A Specialist Sports College)  
Bradfields Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861593  
Fax - 01634 869246  
Email: office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

#### The Thomas Aveling School

Subject Leader for Business  
Studies with a responsibility for Enterprise Education  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2a (£5778)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mr R Hart, Headteacher  
Aethusa Road  
Rochester  
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Telephone - (01634) 844809  
Fax - 01634 818385  
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

#### Deputy Headteacher / Curriculum Manager

**Walderslade Girls School**  
Deputy Headteacher / Curriculum Manager  
Salary: L16 - L20  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 1 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs P Coniber, Headteacher  
Walderslade Girls School  
Bradfields Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861596  
Fax - 01634 869246  
Email headteacher@waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk

#### SEN

#### Abbey Court Community Special School

SEN Teacher  
Salary: MPS + 2 SEN Points  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Linda Taylor, Abbey Court  
Community Special School  
Rede Court Road, Strood  
Rochester, Kent ME2 3SP  
Telephone - (01634) 338224  
Fax - 01634 295369  
Email office@abbeycourt.med.sch.uk

#### Abbey Court Community Special School

SEN Teacher to lead KS4/5 (Further Education)  
Salary: MPS + TLR 2 (£5778) + 2 SEN  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Linda Taylor, Abbey Court  
Community Special School  
Rede Court Road, Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 3SP  
Telephone - (01634) 338224  
Fax - 01634 295369  
Email office@abbeycourt.med.sch.uk

#### Bradfields School

Head - Pupil Development  
Salary: Leadership scale 10 - 14  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 14 May 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Gill Ellen  
Bradfields School  
Churchill Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME5 0LB  
Telephone - (01634) 683990  
Fax - 01634 828284  
Email office@bradfields.medway.sch.uk

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The school is located in pleasant surroundings and we have educational resources of enviable proportions. This post would suit newly qualified teachers or those wishing to gain further experience of SEN. Comprehensive induction and training will be provided. Telephone enquiries and informal visits to the school welcomed.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

**Closing Date: 9th May 2008**

For further details and a job description, please contact Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME2 3SP (Tel: 01634 338224)

Stating the position for which you are applying



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### ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARIAL, PA

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Mailing List**  
**Researcher required**

**LOCATION:**  
**Hythe**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Evegate Publishing**

9.30 to 2.30 Monday to Friday (flexi-time considered) Regional business magazine South East Business requires a Mailing List Researcher, to manage data entries for new and existing readers. The suitable applicant will have a confident telephone manner, experience of data entry and administration skills, as well as the ability to research information from a variety of different sources. You must be self-motivated and it is essential that you are able to work on your own initiative. South East Business, published by Evegate Publishing Ltd is based in Lympne near Hythe, offering a friendly working environment, good rates of pay and excellent staff facilities. Send CV to Jamie McGrorty at Evegate Publishing Ltd, Spicer House, Link Business Park, Lympne Hythe Kent CT21 4LR or email. **TO APPLY:** Jamie McGrorty Evegate Publishing Email jamie@sebusiness.net

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Personnel Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Whitstable**  
**SALARY:**

**Starting salary £16,627 with progression through contribution related pay to £18,268 pro rata**

**COMPANY:**  
**Kent County Council**  
The Schools' Personnel Service provides a comprehensive personnel service to schools across Kent. This includes giving advice on terms and conditions of employment, producing contracts and liaising with the schools' payroll providers. We require a part-time Personnel Assistant (job share), working 22 hours per week - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are looking for good team workers, educated to GCSE level or equivalent, to join our busy, hard working and friendly team. A high degree of tact and confidentiality is required as well as an ability to organise and prioritise work; keep calm under pressure and work to deadlines. Previous personnel experience would be an advantage but not essential, as full training is given. To apply for any of our posts, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs). Alternatively, please email or call us. **TO APPLY:** Kent County Council Tel: 0845 8247 904 Email [recruitment.lit@kent.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment.lit@kent.gov.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 7th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Plant Hire Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Ashford**

**NEGOTIABLE**  
**SALARY:**  
**GSE Group**

Organised person with good telephone skills required to assist in busy Plant Hire office based in Ashford. Candidates should have good computer and communication skills and be flexible enough to prioritise as required. Previous experience in plant or tool hire would be useful but training will be given to the right candidate. Hours: 8.30 to 5.30 Monday to Friday. Please send your CV with a covering letter to Mrs Sue Barlow, GSE Group HR Manager, Joshua House, Crowbridge Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0GR or [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com) **CLOSING DATE:** for applications is 2nd May 2008 **TO APPLY:** Sue Barlow GSE Group Email [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com) Tel: 01233 501301

**CATERING, HOSPITALITY**

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Assistant Food and Beverage Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Margate**

**SALARY:**  
**up to £23K,**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Thanet Leisure Force**

Winter Gardens 40 hours per week, including regular evening and weekend work. Applicants must have at least 2 years operational experience gained within a busy, high standard food and beverage environment. Able to demonstrate extensive bar and catering management experience, quality customer service, team leadership and effective communication skills. The successful candidate will have a working knowledge of health, safety and hygiene (ideally qualified in support of these requirements) and a full driving licence. **TO APPLY:** Thanet Leisure Force Tel: 01843 227959 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 28th April 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Casual Food and Beverages Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**

**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**yes dining**

To help with food and beverage service and to provide excellent customer service to our guests. Competitive rates of pay. Please telephone in the first instance. **TO APPLY:** Denise Collins yes dining Tel: 01622 626688 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Catering Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**

**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Age Concern**

Required to help with the extension of our Fresh Meal Delivery Service to incorporate an Asian menu. This position would suit someone with a good knowledge of Asian home cooking. Hours of work 12 per week, to incorporate some weekends. All positions require a Criminal Records Bureau check, which will be provided. Please phone for an application form and job description. Age Concern Gravesend is an Equal Opportunities Employer. **TO APPLY:** Age Concern Tel: 01474 564898 or 01474 567131 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Chef de partie, sous chef, kitchen porters**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Ramsgate**

**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Age & Sons**

Chef de partie, sous chef, kitchen porters wanted for new restaurant in Ramsgate. **TO APPLY:** Age & Sons Tel: 07919 124 985 Email [harristleigh@gmail.com](mailto:harristleigh@gmail.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Receptionist / Conference Host**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**

**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**yes dining**

Well presented individual to host reception, welcome incoming guests, check in and out and provide exceptional service standards. Experience in Hotel industry would be preferred although full training can be given to the right candidate. Competitive salary along with benefits. **TO APPLY:** Denise Collins yes dining Tel: 01622 626688 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Sous Chef**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**

**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**yes dining**

Conference Centre in Kent seeks dedicated Sous Chef. This busy operation popular for Weddings and Banquets is looking for a Sous Chef to replace the Head Chef and deliver a consistently high standard of service. This is already outstanding team. Straight Shifts, excellent salary and benefits. **TO APPLY:** Denise Collins yes dining Tel: 01622 626688 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS**

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Assistant Contracts Surveyor**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Canterbury**

**SALARY:**  
**£25,000 pa**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Serco Local Government**

Required to assist with tenders, invoicing, estimating and valuations. Building related qualification (minimum requirement). CV to: Personnel Department, Serco Limited Kingsmead Road, Canterbury CT1 1SZ **TO APPLY:** Serco Local Government Tel: 01227 819464 Email [antony.mckean@canterbury.serco.com](mailto:antony.mckean@canterbury.serco.com) **CLOSING DATE:** 30th April 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Contracts Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Ashford**

**SALARY:**  
**NEGOTIABLE**  
**COMPANY:**  
**GSE Group**

GSE Design & Build Ltd require a motivated and enthusiastic Contracts Manager with a proven track record. The

successful candidate will be responsible for running 3/4 prestigious contracts with values to £5m, manage major projects and develop further business opportunities, mainly in the Kent area. An excellent package is offered to the right candidate. Applications with CV should be submitted by letter or e-mail to: Mrs Sue Barlow, GSE Group HR Manager, Joshua House, Crowbridge Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0GR or [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com). No Agencies please. **TO APPLY:** Sue Barlow GSE Group Tel: 01233 506320 Email [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Contracts Surveyor**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Ashford**

**SALARY:**  
**NEGOTIABLE**  
**COMPANY:**  
**GSE Group**

GSE Design & Build Ltd require a highly motivated Contracts Surveyor to measure and manage a diverse portfolio of traditional and design & build projects in Kent. Candidates should have appropriate experience in appointing sub-contractors and the production of monthly valuations and final accounts. A competitive package is offered to the right candidate. Applications with CV should be submitted by letter or e-mail to: Mrs Sue Barlow, GSE Group HR Manager, Joshua House, Crowbridge Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0GR or [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com). **CLOSING DATE:** Friday 25th April 2008. No Agencies please. **TO APPLY:** Sue Barlow GSE Group Tel: 01233 506320 Email [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Contracts Surveyor**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Ashford**

**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**GSE Group**

GSE are the South East's leading Design & Build Company and with a healthy long order book now require a highly motivated Contracts Surveyor to measure and manage a diverse portfolio of traditional and design & build projects in Kent. Candidates should have appropriate experience in appointing sub-contractors and the production of monthly valuations and final accounts. Excellent package offered to the right candidate. **TO APPLY:** Mrs. S. Barlow, GSE Group Email [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Service Advisor**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**

**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Dutton Forshaw Maidstone**

We are looking for a Service Advisor based at Dutton Forshaw Maidstone dealership to help run our multi franchise service reception. Experience not essential as full training will be provided. We are looking for someone that could deliver good customer skills and an excellent sales technique and also a willingness to deliver an excellent customer experience. The hours are 7.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, weekdays. Please send your CV to Dutton Forshaw Maidstone, Parkwood, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9YN **TO APPLY:** Stuart Holness Dutton Forshaw Maidstone Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**DOMESTIC**

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Assistants**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**

**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Age Concern**

Required for our Independent Living Service to undertake light domestic duties, taking clients shopping, to the theatre, for a pub lunch and other services etc. Hours are to suit client involving, estimating and valuations. Building related qualification (minimum requirement). CV to: Personnel Department, Serco Limited Kingsmead Road, Canterbury CT1 1SZ **TO APPLY:** Serco Local Government Tel: 01227 819464 Email [antony.mckean@canterbury.serco.com](mailto:antony.mckean@canterbury.serco.com) **CLOSING DATE:** 30th April 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Caretaker**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Dartford**

**SALARY:**  
**£13,959 - £15,826 pro rata**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Wilmington Enterprise**

52 weeks (hours negotiable). To join our existing team responsible for security, caretaking, cleaning, painting and general maintenance needs of the school, to start as soon as possible. Kent Scheme 3

Points 7-11 (£13,959 - £15,826 pro rata). Please contact the school for application form and further details.

**TO APPLY:** Wilmington Enterprise College Tel: 01322 27111 Email [admin@wec.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@wec.kent.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 6th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Cleaner wanted**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Ramsgate**

**SALARY:**  
**£8.00 per hour.**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Simon Wallis**

Cleaner wanted for holiday flat in Ramsgate. 4 hours on Saturdays and occasional Mondays. Must be thorough with good attention to detail. Must supply references. **TO APPLY:** Deborah Simon Wallis Tel: 07890 266 203 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Domestic Saturday Work**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sittingbourne**

**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Country Care**

A Residential Home for adults with learning disabilities requires a Domestic for Saturday work. Please contact Mrs Brooks. **TO APPLY:** Mrs Brooks Country Care Tel: 01795 886220 Email [ellen@courthtconnect.com](mailto:ellen@courthtconnect.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Mobile Office/Public Convenience Cleaners**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sevenoaks**

**SALARY:**  
**£15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a.**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Sevenoaks District Council**

Sevenoaks District Council provides high quality toilet and office cleaning services across the District and under contract to neighbouring boroughs and Parish Councils. Your duties will involve the daily cleaning of offices and public conveniences to a specified standard. This will include WCs, basins & urinals, as well as walls, floors, ceilings etc and the removal of graffiti. You will also be expected to restock the facilities with toilet rolls, soap, paper towels etc and be required to record faults and problems, and report these to a Supervisor. You will have use of a Council van to carry out your duties, therefore you must be able to drive and hold a full, clean UK driving licence. You will be part of a team, but will work independently, and will therefore be reliable and responsible with a flexible approach and able to use initiative. You will be expected to work on a rota basis which includes early and late shifts including Saturday and Sunday working, with split shifts to maintain daily cleaning standards. Basic working hours are 37 hours per week with overtime or fixed rate payments for hours worked in excess of this. You will be committed to customer care and delivering a quality service. Although not essential, the knowledge of Hygiene Best Practice and COSHH regulations would be desirable. For an informal discussion about these posts, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375. Your staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Serco's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities. **TO APPLY:** the Human Resources Team Sevenoaks District Council Tel: 01732 227102 (24 hours) Email [recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 6th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Part Time Evening Cleaning Operatives**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Dartford**

**SALARY:**  
**£5.69 per hour**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Initial Facilities Management**

Staff required for a Blue Chip Company in the Dartford area Mon-Fri 5pm-7pm. Telephone for details. **TO APPLY:** Initial Facilities Management Tel: 01322 391903 Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Property Cleaner**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Canterbury**

**SALARY:**  
**£7.50 per hour**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Serco Local Government**

Clean after decorating/maintenance completed. Driving Licence. 20 hours per week. **TO APPLY:** Bob Vidler Serco Local Government Tel: 01227 819401 Email [antony.mckean@canterbury.serco.com](mailto:antony.mckean@canterbury.serco.com) **CLOSING DATE:** 1st May 08

### EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

**JOB TITLE:**  
**14-19 Co-ordinator**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Aylesford**

**SALARY:**  
**£10 - 14 pro rata**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Aylesford School - Sports College**

The post will suit a consultant who is able to offer 60 days per academic year on a flexible basis or equivalent part-time appointment. Salary Range: £10 - 14 pro rata Required for September 2008 (for 1 year in the first instance) Medway Valley is a Consortium comprising of Aylesford School - Sports College, Malling Holmstead Federation and Wrotham School. We currently collaborate on post 16 provision. We are now seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, experienced and suitably qualified person to develop the 14-19 curriculum across the schools. You will: Have a commitment to providing learning opportunities for young people; Have considerable teaching experience preferably at a senior level; Be up to date with developments in the 14-19 reform programme. The schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. An information pack is available from Aylesford School - Sports College, Teapot Lane, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7JU, telephone 01622 717341 or email the Headteacher's PA, Jill McKenna [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** for applications: Tuesday 18th March 2008. Interviews will be held the week of the 21st March 2008. **TO APPLY:** Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College Tel: 01622 717341 Email [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 16th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Assistant Curriculum leader (Technology)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS + TLR 2c**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Completed application forms should be accompanied by a letter of application including how your experience to date will contribute to the School and specially this developing role. **TO APPLY:** Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College Tel: 01622 717341 Email [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 28 April 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Chatham**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS + TLR 2c**  
**COMPANY:**  
**St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Mr D Kelly St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School Tel: 01624 842811 Email [headteacher@stjohnfisher.catholic.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@stjohnfisher.catholic.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 28 April 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**AST Technology**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Mrs Jacqueline Harrison Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School Tel: 01634 844008 Email [office@sjwilliamson.mathway.sch.uk](mailto:office@sjwilliamson.mathway.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 7 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Curriculum leader - Science**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS + TLR 1b**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Mrs K Crutenden Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School Tel: 01634 251443 Email [crutendenk@medway.gov.uk](mailto:crutendenk@medway.gov.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 28 April 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gillingham**

**SALARY:**  
**L12-L16 +relocation package**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Fairview Community Primary School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Debbie Willis Fairview Community Primary School Tel: 01634 338710 Email [headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 9 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Deputy Headteacher / Curriculum Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Chatham**

**SALARY:**  
**L16 - L20**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Walderslade Girls' School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Mrs P Conber, Walderslade Girls' School Tel: 01634 861596 Email [headteacher@waldersladesgirls.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@waldersladesgirls.medway.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 1 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Director of Learning**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Aylesford**

**SALARY:**  
**Leadership Scale Points 5 - 9**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Aylesford School - Sports College**

Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. You are invited to apply for the post of Director of Learning. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you: "A brand new school. "Outstanding new facilities in all areas. "A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. "A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. "A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. The Governors of the School are seeking to appoint a dynamic, ambitious and highly motivated leader to manage and lead one of our 'Schools of Learning'. They should possess significant management skills already as well as leadership potential. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna or email your request to [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk). Completed application forms should be accompanied by a letter of application including how your experience to date will contribute to the School and specially this developing role. **TO APPLY:** Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College Tel: 01622 717341 Email [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 9th May 08

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Foundation Stage 2 / Key Stage 1 Teacher**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gillingham**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Twydall Infant School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Mrs. S. Fedosuk Twydall Infant School Tel: 01634 231761 Email [headteacher@twydallinf.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@twydallinf.medway.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 9 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Foundation Teacher**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gillingham**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Fairview Community Primary School**

Full Time and fixed term **TO APPLY:** Diana Parker Fairview Community Primary School Tel: 01634 338710 Email [office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 28 April 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Graduate Teacher Programme - Maths/Science/ICT**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Aylesford**

**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Aylesford School - Sports College**

Aylesford School - Sports College Teapot Lane, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7JU Tel: 01622 717341, Fax: 01622 790580 E-mail: [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) ROLL 960 11 - 18 Mixed Foundation Secondary School The School is at an exciting time in its growth, and has moved into its brand new state-of-the-art buildings with purpose-built facilities for all subject areas. We are seeking to appoint suitable candidates to undertake teacher training via the Graduate Teacher Programme. The staff at the School are dedicated, innovative and progressive, together with being supportive of each other at all levels. The School is pro-

active in encouraging personal development and career progression. To request an information pack and application form, please contact Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 ext 204. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check via the Criminal Records Bureau. **TO APPLY:** Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College Tel: 01622 717341 Email [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 23rd May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Head of Business Studies**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Chatham**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS + TLR 2B**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Walderslade Girls' School**

Full time and permanent **TO APPLY:** Walderslade Girls' School Tel: 01634 861596 Email [headteacher@waldersladesgirls.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@waldersladesgirls.medway.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 2 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Head of Chemistry**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**

**SALARY:**  
**MPS/UPS + TLR2b**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Mrs Jacqueline Harrison Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School Tel: 01634 844008 Email [office@sjwilliamson.mathway.sch.uk](mailto:office@sjwilliamson.mathway.sch.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 7 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Headteacher**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**

**SALARY:**  
**L20-L26 E55,782-£64,611**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Maudens School**

Full Time and Permanent **TO APPLY:** Sue Bowers Maudens School Tel: 01634 331100 Email [vacancies@medway.gov.uk](mailto:vacancies@medway.gov.uk) **CLOSING DATE:** 9 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Higher Level Teaching Assistant**  
**LOCATION**





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safety knowledge is needed, excellent organisational skills coupled with strong IT skills will be required together with the desire to continue with education. We welcome applications for flexible working arrangements. In addition to salary, we can offer you a generous annual leave allowance, paid bank holidays, Local Government final salary pension scheme and flexi time working. For further information contact Human Resources, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. Website: <http://jobs.swale.gov.uk> Interviews: 15/16 May 2008

**TO APPLY:**  
Swale Borough Council  
Tel: 01795 417414  
Email [hr@swale.gov.uk](mailto:hr@swale.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
6 May 2008

## LEISURE, TOURISM, TRAVEL

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Circuit Marshals**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Chatham**  
**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Buckmore Park Karting Ltd**  
Hours to suit including daytime, evenings and weekends. Must be aged 17 years or above. For more details, contact Anne Eldridge at Buckmore Park Kart Circuit  
**TO APPLY:**  
Anne Eldridge  
Buckmore Park Karting Ltd  
Tel: 01634 201582 x 201  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Account Management Executive - Print Management**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sevenoaks**  
**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**  
**City Digital Ltd**  
We require support staff to work within our busy Account Management team. Experience within the print industry would be a benefit but not essential. Candidates should be IT literate, well organised, good communicators with a proven track record of providing excellent Customer Service.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Sue Hickin  
City Digital Ltd  
Tel: 01464 282 5555  
Email [hickin@citydigital.net](mailto:hickin@citydigital.net)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Account Manager - Print Management, imag**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sevenoaks**  
**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**  
**City Digital Ltd**  
We require a polished print professional with excellent knowledge of litho, digital and DM print processes and organisational skills to work within a pressurised environment. Good communication skills are essential, as the role will require liaison with both client and supplier to ensure the smooth running of projects. Experience within a print management environment preferable.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Sue Hickin  
City Digital Ltd  
Tel: 01464 282 5555  
Email [hickin@citydigital.net](mailto:hickin@citydigital.net)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Area Team Leader - Primary Mental Health Project Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sittingbourne**  
**SALARY:**  
**Starting salary £26,159 with progression through contribution related pay to £29,920 per annum**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Kent County Council**

Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could you support and offer guidance to other colleagues? We are seeking to appoint a Team Leader who is bright, full of ideas and enjoys using their initiative, to join our dedicated and highly effective staff team. The primary function of this role is to establish and support Kent Safe Schools Primary Mental Health Project, a new initiative targeted at young people in Swale schools and working closely with teachers, Health professional and CAMHS workers. You would work with multi-agencies, schools, parents, children and young people with the intention of making schools a safer environment for young people, and to facilitate the referral of young people through schools into mental health support programmes. In addition to the Project Manager duties, the Area Team Leader will be expected to work closely with all agencies, schools and communities to identify networking opportunities and establish firm partnerships. You will take a shared responsibility for supporting other staff delivering in the same area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training. We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with

young people, ideally in primary phase. To apply for any of these posts, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs). Alternatively, please email or call us. Please quote reference number.

**TO APPLY:**  
Kent County Council  
Tel: 0845 8247 904  
Email [recruitmentline@kent.gov.uk](mailto:recruitmentline@kent.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
8th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Assistant Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Folkestone**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Cumbria House Residential Home**  
Required For Residential Care Home in Folkestone. We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed person. Must have Minimum NVQ Level 3 Qualification, and Experience in the role above. Subject to satisfactory CRB Check  
**TO APPLY:**  
Julia Carter (Home Manager)  
Cumbria House Residential Home  
Tel: 01303 254019  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Contracts Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Ashford**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**GSE Group**  
GSE are the South East's leading Design & Build Company and with a healthy long term order book now require a Motivated and enthusiastic Contracts Manager with a proven track record. The successful candidate will be responsible for running 3/4 prestigious contracts with values to £0m, manage major projects and develop further business opportunities, mainly in the Kent area.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Mrs. S. Barlow  
GSE Group  
Email [sue.barlow@gse-group.com](mailto:sue.barlow@gse-group.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Deputy Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**Starting Salary £10,475 p.a. for 20 hrs /week (£10.07/hour)**  
**CLOSING DATE**  
**1 May 2008**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Volunteer Centre Gravesend**  
Volunteer Centre Gravesend require a deputy to assist the Centre Manager to raise awareness and understanding of the role of the Centre; to deliver the core functions of a VC, attracting & placing volunteers and working hand-in-hand with other organisations to create new exciting volunteer opportunities. Do you have? Enthusiasm & commitment to stimulate & encourage local interest in volunteering & community activity Creativity in developing new ways of raising the profile of volunteering in Gravesend Excellent organisation & communication skills; initiative & an effective team player, with a good working knowledge of IT For further information or to obtain application pack telephone 01474 322729 or email below.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Jenny Lane  
Volunteer Centre Gravesend  
Tel: 01474 322729  
Email [jenny@volunteercentregreavesend.org](mailto:jenny@volunteercentregreavesend.org)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Deputy Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sittingbourne**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Country Care**  
A Residential Home for adults with learning disabilities require a Deputy Manager. Please contact Mrs Brooks below.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Mrs Brooks  
Country Care  
Tel: 01795 886220  
Email [ellenscourt@btconnect.com](mailto:ellenscourt@btconnect.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Lead Copywriter**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Folkestone**  
**SALARY:**  
**Up to £21,000 (DOE)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Holiday Extras**  
Day to day management of a team of SEO copywriters, their workloads, motivation and training needs. Ensuring the team understands and implements our SEO strategy, and will assume a lead role in projects as required. Key Responsibilities: SEO content creation & implementing SEO strategy. Ownership of projects and product development. Day-to-day management of team activity, working with managing editor to compile KPIs and targets for the team. To provide and interpret site statistics, analytics and management information interested? Then please send your CV and covering letter to Holiday Extras, Newingreen, Hythe, Kent CT21 4JF or to [recruitment@holidayextras.com](mailto:recruitment@holidayextras.com)  
**TO APPLY:**  
Emma Finch  
Holiday Extras  
Tel: 0871 360 2170  
Email [recruitment@holidayextras.com](mailto:recruitment@holidayextras.com)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
2nd May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Senior Sales / Business Development**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sevenoaks**  
**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**  
**City Digital Ltd**  
We are seeking a highly motivated person with a strong sales orientation, an exceptional track record of development/delivery of business within the print management/DM sector and importantly the drive and determination to help grow our business.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Sue Hickin  
City Digital Ltd  
Tel: 0845 262 5555  
Email [hickin@citydigital.net](mailto:hickin@citydigital.net)

## MARKETING, ADVERTISING

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Admissions Officer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Tonbridge**  
**SALARY:**  
**£18,059 - £21,237 p.a.**  
**COMPANY:**  
**West Kent College**  
We are one of the most successful colleges in the south east region providing further and higher education. We are committed to improving the diversity of our staff by offering a wide range of opportunities including apprenticeships, flexible working and full and part-time positions. Why not look at what we can offer you. Maternity Cover (min. six months) This varied role will see you updating course information for our website, working closely with our marketing team and handling a variety of a public track record. It will also provide you with the opportunity to help us produce reports and analyse the success of our advertising and promotional material. As well as excellent customer care skills, you must be confident working with computers and answering the telephone. A very organised approach and the ability to work effectively under pressure will also be essential. All posts will require a Criminal Record Bureau Enhanced Disclosure Certificate. The benefits in joining us are immense: generous annual leave; flexible working hours; full support including an on-site nursery; final salary pension; private health plan; Health & Fitness suite and more.  
**TO APPLY:**  
HR department  
West Kent College  
Tel: 01732 376511  
Email [hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk](mailto:hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
1 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**ADI's Urgently Required**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Broadstairs**  
**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Revolution Driving School**  
Fun, Lively, Qualified Driving Instructors Required. Competitive Franchise Fee Call Kevin for More Details 07787 123452 [www.revolutiondrivingschool.co.uk](http://www.revolutiondrivingschool.co.uk)  
**TO APPLY:**  
Kevin  
Revolution Driving School  
Tel: 07787 123452  
Email [kevin@revolutiondrivingschool.co.uk](mailto:kevin@revolutiondrivingschool.co.uk)

## NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Support Officer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sheerness**  
**SALARY:**  
**£18,225 + essential care user & mileage allowances and pension contribution**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Swale Carers Centre**  
Swale Carers Centre, based in Sheerness, seeks an innovative, energetic, reliable, person to join our highly successful and well-respected young carers support service team, to promote, support and empower young carers aged 5-18 residing in Swale area, through provision of information, advice, advocacy, respite activities and workshops, including after school/evening support groups (term-time) plus occasional weekend working, including residential and camping events during school holidays. To apply please contact Sandie Horby.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Sandie Horby  
Swale Carers Centre  
Tel: 01795 583440  
Email [sandie.swalecarers@btccall.co.uk](mailto:sandie.swalecarers@btccall.co.uk)

## NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Admin Support Worker Care**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sittingbourne**  
**SALARY:**  
**£14,500-£15,500**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Demelza House**  
Due to expanding and developing care services we require an experienced administrator 37 hours per week Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. The post holder will: • Have some interface with children, young people, families and other healthcare professionals • Collate and prepare data in various formats, using all Microsoft packages • Undertake a range of general office duties. You must: - • Be highly IT literate and present data in a compelling format • Be flexible, adaptable, self-motivated and able to work under pressure to deadlines. • Be highly organised and able to re-prioritise a changing workload. • Be comfortable working in a highly sensitive and confidential setting, generous annual leave, pension and excellent working environment, based at our hospice in Sittingbourne.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Ann Fagg or Wendy Faulkall  
Demelza House  
Tel: 01795 845295 or 01795 845200.  
Email [info@demelza.org.uk](mailto:info@demelza.org.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
2nd May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Carers**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Sittingbourne**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Country Care**  
A Residential Home for adults with learning disabilities require Part-time Carers. Please contact Mrs Brooks below.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Mrs Brooks  
Country Care  
Tel: 01795 886220  
Email [ellenscourt@btconnect.com](mailto:ellenscourt@btconnect.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Community Carers**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Canterbury**  
**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Meridian Care**  
Full paid training given. Competitive rates of pay with enhancement for NVQ qualified. Mileage allowance and full support given for both new and experienced carers. Own transport essential. For Canterbury, Deal and Sandwich call  
**TO APPLY:**  
Meridian Care  
Tel: 01227 712300  
Email [MeridianCBury@aol.com](mailto:MeridianCBury@aol.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Community Carers and Domestic Carers**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Folkestone**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Brampton Care Home**  
Due to an expanding service, we require Community Carers & Domestic Carers to join our team in Folkestone/Hythe & Surrounding Villages Experience preferred but not essential All training is provided • Must have own transport • Be flexible with working hours. • alternate weekends All posts are subject to enhanced disclosure  
**TO APPLY:**  
Alison George  
Brampton Care Home  
Tel: 01303 272348  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Deputy Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Isle of Sheppey**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Little Oyster Residential Home**  
New appointment for a 60 bed home for adults with physical/learning disabilities. The successful applicant should be dynamic, multi-skilled and able to use own initiative. Must have NVQ 3 in care or above with minimum 2 years relevant supervisory/management experience. Required to work alternate weekends and on call via rota.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Chris Kite  
Little Oyster Residential Home  
Email [chriskite@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:chriskite@blueyonder.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Experienced Dental Nurse and Cleaner**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rainham**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Omni Park Dental Centre**  
To apply please contact Dr Julius Babayemi on 07958 540731 or email your CV to [omniparkdental@yahoo.com](mailto:omniparkdental@yahoo.com)  
**TO APPLY:**  
Dr Julius Babayemi  
Omni Park Dental Centre  
Tel: 07958 540731  
Email [omniparkdental@yahoo.com](mailto:omniparkdental@yahoo.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Home From Home**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Canterbury**  
**SALARY:**  
**Expenses Paid**  
**COMPANY:**  
**British Red Cross**  
We are looking for a 54 year old and soon going home from hospital. She feels anxious about how she will manage her shopping and would like someone to visit to give her general support and practical help. Could you spare a few hours a week to help Mrs Brooks and others like her to regain her confidence and provide some social contact?

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Catering Supervisor**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£17,000m**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Gravesend Borough Council**  
An enthusiastic, self motivated supervisor is required to head up a busy catering team at the Woodville Halls Theatre. You will oversee the day to day running of a well appointed bar and Spotties cafe, as

**TO APPLY:**  
Robert Dye  
British Red Cross  
Tel: 01227 763900  
(Answerphone out of hours)  
Email [royle@redcross.org.uk](mailto:royle@redcross.org.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**In-House Bather**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Age Concern**  
Required to assist with bathing clients within the Centre. Previous experience and NVQ Level 2 in Care an advantage although training will be provided. Hours of work 10 per week. Please phone for an application form and job description. Age Concern Gravesend is an Equal Opportunities Employer  
**TO APPLY:**  
Age Concern  
Tel: 01474 564898 or 01474 567131  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Personal Assistant/Carer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gillingham**  
**SALARY:**  
**£7 per hour**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Mrs Nurinder Bhohi**  
Required for young disabled man approx 10hrs per week each  
**TO APPLY:**  
Mrs Nurinder Bhohi  
Tel: 01834 331667  
Email [nurinderbh@gmail.com](mailto:nurinderbh@gmail.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Support Workers and Registered Nurses (RMN,RMNH,RNLD'S)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**Pay Rates from £8.66ph for Support Workers & £17ph for Nurses (including holiday pay).**  
**COMPANY:**  
**DNA Forensic Nursing Agency Ltd**  
to work within Mental Health and Secure Settings locally and nationally. Experience preferred, but not essential as full training given. Immediate Start (checking checks & training).  
**TO APPLY:**  
DNA Forensic Nursing Agency Ltd  
DNA Forensic Nursing Agency Ltd  
Tel: 0845845467  
Email [info@dnanursing.co.uk](mailto:info@dnanursing.co.uk)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Support Workers Required**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Hotfield Manor Centre**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Hotfield Manor Centre**  
Part of the FSHC Group Shifts Required Days, nights.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Lynn  
Hotfield Manor Centre  
Tel: 01233 643272  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## PUBLIC RELATIONS, MEDIA, JOURNALISM

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Media Officer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£19,000 - £21,000**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Gravesend Borough Council**  
Transformation and Finance Communications Officer Our Communications Team is looking for an enthusiastic Media Officer to acquire a busy team which punches above its weight. Applicants must have good writing skills and the ability to communicate across the full range of media. The ability to work to tight deadlines is essential and knowledge of desktop publishing and imaging packages would be an advantage. To succeed in this role you will have experience of PR, journalism, publishing, designing and/or marketing, preferably having experience of working with/for local authorities  
**TO APPLY:**  
Customer Services, Gravesend Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
2 May 2008

## PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Catering Supervisor**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£17,000m**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Gravesend Borough Council**  
An enthusiastic, self motivated supervisor is required to head up a busy catering team at the Woodville Halls Theatre. You will oversee the day to day running of a well appointed bar and Spotties cafe, as

well as catering for a variety of functions and corporate events at the Civic Centre. You will hold a current Basic Health and Hygiene Certificate and preferably have experience in a supervisory role. Customer Services, Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AUH  
**TO APPLY:**  
Gravesend Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
9 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Civil Enforcement Officer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Folkestone**  
**SALARY:**  
**£17,049 - £20,649 (pay award pending)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Shepway District Council**  
Civil Enforcement Officers have the responsibility to enforce parking regulations on the highway as well as council car parks across the whole of the Shepway district. We are looking to recruit a Civil Enforcement Officer to join this vibrant team in this challenging role. Successful applicants will have excellent communication skills both orally and written; be able to demonstrate team working, work under pressure and handle conflict calmly; have a positive and friendly approach and a reasonable level of fitness. Previous experience is not as important as a positive, motivated person who is quick and willing to learn. Full training will be provided and the team generally aims to offer a supportive working environment. You will be required to work on a shift system between the hours of 8am - 8pm any 5 out of 7 days including bank holidays. A driving licence will be necessary.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Frederick Miller  
Shepway District Council  
Tel: 01303 853207  
Email [jobs@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@shepway.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
7 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Civil Enforcement Officers x 5**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Tunbridge Wells**  
**SALARY:**  
**£15,470 - £17,781pa (plus an additional market supplement of £3,000pa)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Tunbridge Wells Borough Council**  
97 hours will be required to work Saturdays and Sundays (on rota basis) Are you looking for responsible and rewarding employment carrying out a service to the community? Can you help Tunbridge Wells Borough Council resolve its traffic/c parking problems? The Parking Section is looking to recruit a number of Civil Enforcement Officers to join its existing team. You will be responsible for the enforcement of parking regulations across the borough, both on-street and in the Council's off-street car parks, and to training to a nationally recognised qualification will be given. Employment in the post is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. If you: • have experience of a front-line, public-oriented service, or of local authority parking operations • have the ability to respond well to challenging situations • are confident and focused on customer service • have a good communication and interpersonal skills • have a full driving licence, then this could be the opportunity for you. For an application form and information pack please visit our website [www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or contact the HR Department, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS or 01892 251211 ext 3380. Please specify which job/postion you are applying for.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council  
Tel: 01892 554149 (24 hour answerphone)  
Email [personnel@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:personnel@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
9th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Commissionaire**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£16,500 - £28,500 p.a**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Gravesend Borough Council**  
2 part time posts - 18.5 hours per week on a rota basis for hostellers and responsible for providing an out of hours meet & greet service to the Civic Centre and Woodville Halls, on an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services, Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Gravesend Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
9 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Part time Administrative Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£16,500 - £28,500 p.a**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Gravesend Borough Council**  
Part time post - 20 hours per week, Mon - Fri, 1-5pm We are looking for a part time Administrative Assistant to undertake a variety of administration tasks and assist with internal and external enquiries within the customer services department. Working as part of a dedicated, multi-skilled team you will possess good administrative IT skills, experience of developing customer service skills, be competent in Word, Excel and Outlook Express and have a flexible approach to the role. Applicants should be available to provide additional cover during peak periods and sickness when necessary. For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services, Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AUJ ord.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Gravesend Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
9 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Part time Customer Service Officers**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£15,500 - £18,500 pro rata**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Gravesend Borough Council**  
Post A: Mon - Fri, 8.45am - 1.00pm Post B: Mon - Fri, 12.30pm - 4.00pm As part of a dedicated, multi skilled team these roles are based in the Customer Contact Centre and involve dealing with customers via telephone, face to face and written communication. Successful applicants will have excellent customer service and communication skills, a professional approach together with a working knowledge of IT and the ability to adapt and learn IT systems quickly. Experience of working within a customer facing role and working deadlines often under pressure is also essential. Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Gravesend Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
9th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Partnership with Parents Development Officer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**  
**SALARY:**  
**Starting salary £26,159 with progression through contribution related pay to £29,920 per annum**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Kent County Council**  
This is an exciting opportunity for you to join our team at a time of significant development. We are an arm's length service providing an impartial advice and support service to parents and carers of children with additional needs. We work closely with schools, services and agencies to promote parental involvement. We believe that good communication between all those involved in a child's education is key to good relationships which will help children achieve. Experience of IT delivering training and knowledge of SEN and SEN processes is essential. Supervision will be provided for both posts.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Kent County Council  
Tel: 08457 8247 904  
Email [recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
8th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Partnership with Parents Development Officer - Parent Forums**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**  
**SALARY:**  
**Starting salary £26,159, with progression through contribution related pay to £29,920 per annum (pro rata for temporary post)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Kent County Council**  
We are looking to recruit people with exceptional communication skills who are committed to promoting good communication between parents, schools and agencies and increasing parental involvement. You will need excellent oral and written communication skills, experience of developing partnerships with a wide range of people and experience of working with parents. Temporary secondment opportunity until April 2008. This is an exciting opportunity for someone with the right skills. We have been contracted by the Extended Schools Service to set up Parent Forums in each LSCP/Cluster. Do you have the skills to help us? Experience of managing projects is essential. To apply for any of these posts, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs).



**Highways - Borough of Ashford****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(SOUTHENAY LANE, EAST BRABOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Southenay Lane, East Brabourne from junction of Fiddling Lane and Priory Lane on or after the 12th May 2008 for an estimated period of up to 8 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via Broad Street, Cock Ash, Moorstock Lane, Ashford Road, Stone Hill and Southenay Lane and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to lay a new water main. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone of Clancy Docwra on 01634 873290.

**Highways - District of Canterbury****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(KINGSDOWN PARK, WHITSTABLE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY  
ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because footway reconstruction and utility service connections works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Kingsdown Park, Whitstable from the northern boundary of property 87 to the junction with Tankerton Circus on or after 13 May 2008 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via East bound via Northwood Road and St Mary's Road; Westbound via Tankerton Road, Castle Road and Northwood Road.

**Highways - Borough of Dartford****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
DARTFORD RESURFACING (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 (2) THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 28th April 2008, for various periods as noted in the attached schedule, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as described in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the resurfacing of the carriageway.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**SCHEDULE 1**

Road Name	Location	Dates	Diversion
Ingress Gardens, Swanscombe	Full Length	26th and 28th April 7am – 4pm	No Suitable Diversion
Wilmington Court Road, Wilmington	Full Length	28th and 29th April 7am – 5pm	Common Lane, Oakfield Drive, Leyton Cross Road, Tredegar Road
Attlee Drive, Dartford	Full Length	28th April - 2nd May 7am – 5pm	Littlebrook Manor Way, St Vincents Avenue
Lower Hythe Street, Dartford	Full Length	6th May 7am – 6pm	No Suitable Diversion
London Road, Swanscombe	Craylands Lane to High Street	21st - 23rd and 27th May 7pm – 5am	Stonebridge Road, High Street, The Hill, Springhead Road, Hall Road, A2 Watling Street, Bean Lane
Lowfield Street, Dartford	Heath Street to Princes Road	29th – 30th May and 2nd - 3rd June	Princes Road, Heath Lane, Highfield Road,
Leyton Cross Road, Dartford	Bracton Lane to Oakfield Lane	4th – 6th June 7am – 5pm	Oakfield Lane, Old Bexley Lane, Baldwyns Park, Tile Kiln Lane, Summerhouse Drive
Watling Street, Dartford	Princes Road to the Brent	9th - 13th June, and 16th – 20th June 7am - 5pm	The Brent, Park Road, Princes Road

**Highways - District of Dover****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(ELLENS ROAD, DEAL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because BT renewal of aerial cable works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Ellens Road, Deal from its junction with Mongeham Road to its junction with Cross Road on or after 28 April 2008 for an estimated period of 3 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Mongeham Road, St Richards Road and Cross Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BRANCH STREET DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER  
2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD  
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because crane lifting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Branch Street Dover from its junction with Bridge Street to its junction from Peter Street on or after 18 May 2008 for an estimated period of 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bridge Street, High Street and Peter Street.

**Highways - Borough of Gravesham****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
A227 WROTHAM ROAD, GRAVESEND, ST THOMAS' AVENUE, GRAVESEND AND  
KENT ROAD, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are being carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A227 Wrotham Road prohibiting left turns into Old Road West; on St Thomas' Avenue prohibiting vehicular traffic travelling from Trosley Avenue towards A227 Wrotham Road and on Kent Road prohibiting vehicular traffic travelling from Darnley Road to Wrotham Road.

The Order will become effective on 12th May 2008, for a total period of up to sixteen weeks or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via: Wrotham Road: New House Lane, Dashwood Road and Old Road West. St Thomas' Avenue: St Thomas' Avenue, Woodfield Avenue and Old Road West Kent Road: Darnley Road, Old Road West, A227 Wrotham Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Gas Main replacement works to be undertaken in the carriageway.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
HALL ROAD, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS  
AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are being carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Hall Road, Gravesend between 93 and 125.

The Order will become effective on 12th May 2008, for a period of up to one evening or a weekend in the following four weeks or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Old Road West, Dover Road East, Thames Way, Springhead Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate High Friction Surfacing to be applied to the carriageway.

**Highways - Borough of Maidstone****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BRISHING ROAD, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY  
ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED  
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Brishing Road at a point outside Mount Pleasant Farm to the junction of Brishing Lane on or after Monday 12th May 2008 for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound traffic via Brishing Lane, Heath Road and northbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new electricity supply, should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Emma Orsborne of Amber Langis Limited on 01474 573831.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS IN MAIDSTONE) (ROAD CLOSURE) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 21st May 2008 for an estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months. The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

**THE SCHEDULE**

Berwyn Grove, Maidstone for its entire length.	Norrington Road, Pear Tree Lane and Paynes lane.
Ivens Way, Harrietsham for its entire length.	None available.
Quested Way, Harrietsham for its entire length.	West Street and Hook Lane.
Broadoak Avenue, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.
Hyde Road, Maidstone from Grace Avenue to Buckland Lane.	Grace Avenue and London Road.
Buckland Lane, Maidstone from Hyde Road to London Road.	Grace Avenue and London Road.
Lismore Close, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.

Sutton Road, Maidstone (service road) from its junction with Sutton Road to ITS junction with Northumberland Road.	Sutton Road and Northumberland Road
Shirley Way, Bearsted for its entire length.	Spot Lane, Ashford Road and Cavendish Way.
York Road, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.
Vale Road, Loose for its entire length.	None available.
Valley Drive Loose for its entire length.	None available.
Penfold Way, Loose for its entire length.	None available.
Downs Close, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.
Downs View Road, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.
Croft Gardens, Lenham for its entire length.	None available.
Cedar Drive, Barming for its entire length.	None available.
Mill Lane, Hollingbourne for its entire length.	None available.
Skye Close, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.
Stuart Close, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.
Prospect Place, Maidstone for its entire length.	None available.
Bower Lane, Maidstone from Florence Road to its southern end.	Tonbridge Road, St Michaels Road and Upper Fant Road.
Lower Fant Road from its junction with Bower Lane to its junction with Roseholme.	None available.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS IN MAIDSTONE) (ROAD CLOSURE) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council has made Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 1st May 2008 for an estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months. The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

**THE SCHEDULE**

B2162 Benover Road/ Yalding Road, Collier Street/Yalding from its junction with Claygate Road to its junction with Lyngs Road.	Yalding Road, Green Lane, Underlyn Lane, Maidstone Road, Staplehurst Road, Linton Hill, Heath Road, Ewell Lane, Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street.
B2163 Penfold Hill, Leeds from its junction Ashford Road A20 to its junction Burberry Lane.	Lower Street, Upper Street, Leeds Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street and A20 Ashford Road.
Hook Lane, Harrietsham from its junction Ashford Road to its junction with West Street.	Ashford Road and West Street.
Church Road, Harrietsham from its junction East Street to its junction with Ashford Road.	East Street and Ashford Road.
School Lane, Platts Heath for its entire length.	Headcorn Road and Lenham Road.
Busbridge Road, Tovil/Loose from its junction with New Cut to its junction with Well Road.	New Cut, Stockett Lane, Forstal Lane and Well Road.
Chain Gate Road (Park Road), Platts Heath from its junction with Headcorn Road to its junction with Lenham Road.	Headcorn Road and Lenham Road.
Forge Lane, Leeds from its junction with Old Mill Road to its junction with Carling Lane.	Old Mill Lane, Upper Street, Horseshoes Lane and Back Street.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration. Each closure is not expected to last more than one day

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)**



## Highways - District of Shepway

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(VARIOUS ROADS, NEW ROMNEY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because sewer connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, New Romney as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on or after 12 May 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Church Lane, New Romney.	From its junction with Church Road to its junction Tooke Road.	Church Lane, Wiles Avenue, Marsh Crescent, The Churchlands and Church Road.	12 May 2008 for up to 5 days.
Phase 2			
Church Road, New Romney.	From its junction with Church Lane to its junction Church Close.	Church Lane, Wiles Avenue, Marsh Crescent, The Churchlands.	19 May 2008 for up to 5 days.

This Order will come into force on Monday 12 May 2008, and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

## Highways - Borough of Swale

**COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949**  
**CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD BRIDGE AT MILTON CREEK, SITTINGBOURNE, NORTH KENT.**

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has applied to the Marine & Fisheries Agency under Section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by Section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, for consent to construct a road bridge at Milton Creek, Sittingbourne, North Kent.

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at: Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Representations or objections on navigational grounds in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to Tim Hanham, Marine Fisheries Agency, 6A, 3/8 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH or email to tim.hanham@mf.a.gsi.gov.uk, within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference 33993/080327 DC8359.

The Marine & Fisheries Agency will pass to the applicant a copy of any objection or representation he receives.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(SOUTH STREET, BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on South Street, Boughton Under Blean, outside New House & Walnut Tree Cottages on or after Tuesday 29th April 2008 for a period of up to 7 days or until such works are completed

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via Overland, Selling Road & Crouch Lane and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide a new electricity supply. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Mr. John Rummerby on 07920150893.

## Highways - District of Thanet

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
(EBBSFLEET LANE, RICHBOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because water pipe works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Ebbsfleet Lane, Richborough from its junction with A256 Ramsgate Road to its junction with Grinsell Hill on or after 12 May 2008 for an estimated period of 2 Weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A256, A299 and Thorn Hill.

**For further information,  
please contact  
Geoff Harrison-Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway  
Services, on 08458 247 800  
(local rate) or visit  
www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



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Alternatively, please email or call us.  
Please quote appropriate reference number.

**TO APPLY:**  
Kent County Council  
Tel: 0845 8247 904  
Email email.recruitment@kent.gov.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Rent Arrears Officer**

**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£17,000 – £21,000**  
**COMPANY:**

**Gravesham Borough Council**  
In this varied role you will be responsible for carrying out arrears recovery action which will include attending court. A strong team player, you will have the ability to work effectively to meet targets for rent collection and arrears. You will have experience of debt recovery, good communication and IT skills and the ability to prepare reports and present cases. A full driving licence and use of a vehicle is essential as you will be required to carry out home visits throughout the borough.

**TO APPLY:**  
Customer Services,  
Gravesham Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
7 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Rent Officer**

**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£15,500 – £18,500**

**The Insolvency Rules 1986**  
**KANTH INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)  
**Company Number: 04395420**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that Simon Paterson of Moore Stephens LLP, 1st Floor, Victory House, Quayside, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4QU, was appointed liquidator of the Company on 22 April 2008.  
Date: 22 April 2008  
Simon Paterson, Liquidator

**COMPANY:**  
**Gravesham Borough Council**  
As a Rent Officer you will work as part of a team providing a comprehensive rent collection service to the tenants of Gravesham Borough Council. With sound experience in a front line position in a customer focused environment, you will be able to liaise with the ability to prioritise a busy workload. The role also demands strong organisational skills, an understanding of the issues associated with rent recovery and housing legislation and the ability to make complex calculations and interpret rent accounts. A full driving licence and use of a vehicle is essential. You will be required to work unsocial hours from time to time.

**TO APPLY:**  
Customer Services  
Gravesham Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
7 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Street Sweeper/Driver**

**LOCATION:**  
**Sevenoaks**  
**SALARY:**  
**£15,027 p.a. to £18,316 pa**  
**rising to £19,442 pa with**  
**exceptional performance**  
**(pay award pending)**

**COMPANY:**  
**Sevenoaks District Council**  
Sevenoaks District Council is classed as an 'Excellent Council' according to the Audit Commission. The Council is also a Times newspaper 'Best Council to work for' awards winner, the Local

Government Chronicle 'Finance award' winner and has 'Investors in People' status Community and Planning Services Department Sevenoaks District Services You will be a part of the team maintaining the cleanliness of the streets within the Sevenoaks District Council area, and be based at Dunbarik Depot, Sundridge. You will need to be physically capable of carrying out the duties of the post, presentable in appearance and prepared to work as part of a team. You will be working a 37 hour week and you must hold a driving licence that allows you to drive a vehicle up to 7.5 tonnes. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Senco's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities.

**TO APPLY:**  
the Human Resources Team  
Sevenoaks District Council  
Tel: 01732 227102 (24 hours)  
Email recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
6th May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Supervisor**  
**-Gas/EnergyR**

**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**Salary: Circa £21,500 to**  
**£25,500**  
**COMPANY:**

**Gravesham Borough Council**  
Gravesham Borough Council is currently looking to recruit a Gas/Energy Surveyor to manage the cyclical gas servicing for 6000 properties currently carried under a partnership agreement. You will be required to supervise 300 new gas central heating installations each year, as well as identifying energy saving initiatives and implementing these initiatives to improve the SAP rating of the Council's housing stock. You will possess Corgi/GAS or compatible gas safety certification or a pertinent higher qualification and have experience of managing or assisting with the management of gas service, safety and installation work relating to housing stock. The position is subject to successful CRB clearance. A clean current driving license is essential. For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1ALJ.

**TO APPLY:**  
Gravesham Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
16 May 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Surveyor (Contracts)**

**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**

**SALARY:**  
**Salary: Circa £24,000 to**  
**£29,500**  
**COMPANY:**

**Gravesham Borough Council**  
Gravesham Borough Council is currently looking to recruit an experienced Housing Surveyor to join a small team at Brookvale Depot in Northfleet. Gravesham has a housing stock of 6000 with 2 strategic partners delivering services to complete the Capital and Revenue expenditure programmes. You will be involved in the organisation and monitoring of building related projects and schemes and will assist in the delivery of the Capital works. Decent Homes and revenue programmes. You will hold an HNC (Building) or equivalent with extensive experience in social housing maintenance. The position is subject to successful CRB clearance. A clean current driving license is essential.

**TO APPLY:**  
Gravesham Borough Council  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
16 May 2008

## RETAIL, WHOLESALE, SALES

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Car Sales Executive**

**LOCATION:**  
**Gillingham**

**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**

**Sherlock Garage**  
We are seeking to recruit an additional Sales Executive to our existing team to further strengthen our commitment to delivering a first class service to our customers. The successful candidate must be self-motivated and results oriented, possess the drive and determination to succeed in a competitive environment with a 'no compromise' approach to customer satisfaction. In return we offer you the challenges, commitment to excellence and rewards you inevitably seek. To apply for this position, please forward your current CV with a covering letter to: Andrew Clarke, Sherlock Garage 26 Hoath Lane, Wigmore, Gillingham, Kent ME8 0SW. Telephone: 01634 377444 or Email

**TO APPLY:**  
Andrew Clarke,  
Sherlock Garage  
Tel: 01634 377444  
Email andrew.clarke@sherlockgaragekent.co.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Experienced Sales Person**

**LOCATION:**  
**Sittingbourne**

**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**

**G C Stevens & Son**  
• Required for Sittingbourne based business, Garden Machinery and Wood Stoves • Would suit highly motivated, organised candidate with good communicating skills. • Some relevant technical knowledge helpful but not essential. • Training available.

**TO APPLY:**  
G C Stevens & Son  
Email info@gcstevens.co.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Full Time/Part-Time Sales Assistants**

**LOCATION:**  
**Chatham**

**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**

**Buckmore Park Karting Ltd**  
Must be customer focused and have excellent telephone and face-to-face manner. Experience of taking reservations/bookings essential. Must be computer literate. Full training on our new booking system will be given. Flexitime and part-time hours by agreement to cover office opening hours. Please send CV to Joanne McInnes, Buckmore Park Karting Ltd, Maidstone Road, Chatham, Kent ME5 9QG or email.

**TO APPLY:**  
Joanne McInnes  
Buckmore Park Karting Ltd  
Email joanne@buckmore.co.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Seasonal Relief Workers / Enthusiastic Person**

**LOCATION:**  
**Ashford**

**SALARY:**  
**tba**  
**COMPANY:**

**Victoriana Nursery Gardens**  
For Plant Propagation, Display, Retail Sales, knowledge of plant life gardening essential. Victoriana Nursery Gardens Challook, Nr Ashford TN25 4DG

**TO APPLY:**  
Victoriana Nursery Gardens  
Tel: 01233 740529  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Shop Assistant**

**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**

**SALARY:**  
**£6.25 ph**  
**COMPANY:**

**Rochester & Cobham Park Golf Club**  
Required to work in busy professional golf shop. Work will involve manual handling. £3.25 p/h, approx 25-30 hours a week including weekend work

**TO APPLY:**  
Mr David Smith,  
Rochester & Cobham Park Golf Club  
Tel: 01474 623411  
Email rcp@talk21.com

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Trial Sales Consultants**

**LOCATION:**  
**Folkestone**

**SALARY:**  
**Competitive salaries +**  
**attractive commission +**  
**benefits**  
**COMPANY:**

**Saga**  
If you're naturally friendly and good on the phone, you could be part of the team that leads the way in high-quality holidays for people aged 50 and over. When our customers call us, you'll be the helpful individual who gives them all the information and advice they need. So there's no 'cold-calling'. Instead, you'll be selling our holidays in a supportive, busy environment where the targets are varied, but achievable. We also have opportunities for you to 'multi-skill' in the world of financial services, enhancing your career prospects still further. Whatever your age, background or experience, there could be a place for you. What's important is that you have an outgoing personality and the ability to strike up a rapport with customers. Our comprehensive training programme will give you all the skills you need to succeed – and on top of that, you can look forward to an excellent benefits package including a contributory pension scheme, medical insurance and an active social club. If you're looking for a great new job, in a great business, please send an application form to Alice Forsyth, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, The Saga Building, Entbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE or e-mail

**TO APPLY:**  
Saga  
Tel: 01303 774888  
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
21 May 2008

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

## APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES &amp; CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Pavilion on the Sands,  
Harbour Street, Broadstairs

Applicant: Mr Francis George Thorley  
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.  
Martin Alford, Head of Registration  
Regulatory Services  
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall  
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

In the Borough of Tonbridge & Malling  
TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(AMENDMENT No 1) ORDER 2008

Notice is hereby given that Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 32 and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, having obtained the consent of Kent County Council in accordance with Section 39(3) of the Act, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act.

The effect of the Order will be to amend the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (Off-street Parking Places) Order 2008. The Schedule PART 1, Table of Parking Places, by adding new parking places to the Order with associated tariffs as follows.

Names of Parking Places	Maximum period for which vehicles may wait & Charging period	Scale of charges
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A copy of the draft Order together with a map, a copy of the Order that will be amended by the proposed Order and a Statement of the Council's Reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle from Friday 25th April to noon on 19th May 2008.  
Anyone wishing to support these proposals, or object to them, should write, stating reasons and quoting the name of the Order, to the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ, by no later than 12 noon on Monday 19th May 2008.  
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# Mazda aims at the Germans

AUDI, BMW and Mercedes-Benz and their hold on the upmarket estate market are threatened by the all-new Mazda6 'load lugger' now arriving in showrooms.

The previous Mazda6 estate was good looking, but claimed just 12 per cent of overall sales for the range; Mazda expects a bigger percentage and more volume from its even more stylish replacement – preferably at the expense of the German trio.

To that end, the estate body is also the only new Mazda6 style – saloons and hatchbacks also feature in the range – to be offered in both premium equipment grades: Sport and SL.

The former stands apart visually through a 'Sports Appearance Pack' fitted as standard plus 18-inch alloys.

But company car sales are ruled by tax and emissions, so the new Mazda6 uses weight-saving and aerodynamics being deployed across all Mazda models – the new Mazda2 supermini is also light and lithe.

A key part of Mazda's attack on the fleet/company car sector with all variants of the '6' also rests

By **STEVE LOADER**

squarely on the revised diesel option, which uses seven per cent less fuel than previously and qualifies for lower road tax bands.

It will surely build on the company car success of the original Mazda6, which relaunched the faltering Japanese brand and heralded the successful 'Zoom-Zoom' marketing campaign.

The original car looked good inside and out – whether hatchback, saloon or estate – had some great engines, offered something more than the mainstream, yet still looked good value for money.

There was also the cachet of association with the legendary MX-5 roadster and RX dynasty of rotary-engine coupes – a sporting link underlined latterly by the 'Audi-bashing' Mazda6 MPS all-wheel drive sports saloon.

The new line-up still looks good value from £15,620, with a modest £700 on top for estate equivalents, yet quality has been hiked after feeling pressure from the German marques – Ford showed the way with the latest Mondeo

and Mazda has followed suit.

And now that the diesels are here, Mazda can really think about persuading buyers and company car user choosers that it has a different proposition for them.

"Almost 90 per cent of fleet sales for Mazda6 are diesel-powered models, and in its estate form, the new Mazda6 is a great blend of sporty stylishness and immense practicality," said Mark Cameron, marketing director at Dartford-based Mazda UK.

"At 140ps, our diesel Mazda6 out-performs many potential rivals, particularly their entry and mid-level derivatives, and its reduced CO2 emissions will deliver real financial benefits to company car drivers."

With an eye on the damage also inflicted on traditional company car volumes by 4x4s and people carriers, Cameron suggested: "Simultaneously, more buyers will abandon larger SUV and MPV models, attracted to cars like the new Mazda6 for its people and cargo-carrying abilities and its modest CO2 emissions levels."



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# FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



## Vauxhall sharpens up to take revenge

REVENGE vows from mainstream motor marques against premium rivals have gained credibility.

The likes of Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz have lured many new and used buyers away from traditional family motors, but Ford struck back with an all-new and more upmarket Mondeo last year and Citroen has just launched the fabulous C5 using ads targeting the German brands – more on this car next week after a drive courtesy of Wilmoths in Ashford.

The Teutonic trio will be even more worried though by Vauxhall's Insignia replacement for the Vectra in October, judging by the first official pictures.

Unlike Ford, the General Motors brand decided that a change of marketing pitch also merited a change of name and this will surely prove to be a wise move as buyers re-appraise their view of Vauxhall.

For the new Vauxhall is a real head turner and even has a more contemporary execution of the Vauxhall badge.

Available initially as a saloon or hatchback – an estate will surely follow – the Insignia has a coupé-style body and distinctive styling line running from behind the front wheel.

For a sneak preview of the new Insignia on video, see Motors TV at [www.carsforkent.co.uk](http://www.carsforkent.co.uk).

HAGGLING, finance deals, servicing packages, customer service – forget those. Dealers will say that the big thing with many buyers on a budget are savings on road tax.

No wonder Suzuki has tweaked its impressive little Swift diesel super-mini so that owners can avoid £80 a year on vehicle excise duty – the car now sits in the £35/year B-band – on top of the car's already low running costs.

The revised engine on the 1.3-litre DDiS has a CO<sub>2</sub> rating reduced from 124g/km to just 119g/km and will be London Congestion Charge exempt from October, saving around £2,000/year for Kent commuters who drive into the capital.

The 1.3-litre DDiS costs £10,515 – the Swift range starts at £8,260.

## Swift offers rapid savings on road tax



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Official Government Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km). Matiz 1.0 SE: Urban – 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban – 60.1 (4.7), Combined – 50.4 (5.6), CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 139g/km. Kalos 1.2 SE: Urban – 33.2 (8.5), Extra-urban – 54.3 (5.2), Combined – 44.1 (6.4). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 153g/km. Lacetti 1.4 SE Hatchback: Urban – 28.8 (9.8), Extra-urban – 49.5 (5.7), Combined – 39.2 (7.2). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 171g/km.



# Go-it-alone style stands out in the MPV sector

by  
**STEVELOADER**

VIVE la difference sums up Peugeot's approach to the MPV phenomenon.

While sister brand Citroen has embraced the concept wholeheartedly with its Picasso sub-brand of people carriers, Peugeot evolved its own 'space/sports wagon' or SW approach that does not follow the typical 'one-box' MPV design.

Admittedly, it makes it easy to dismiss models like our 207 SW test car as an estate car on steroids, but there is far more to it than that; in essence, you get everything that you would expect from an MPV except for a higher driving position.

Counterbalancing that though is the Peugeot's car-like driving manners – something that few MPVs can boast.

For a car where space and convenience are a priority, the 207 SW also looks pretty chic with its raked rear pillar and aluminium roof rails, plus the fact that it is based on one of the market's sharpest looking superminis.

And where Peugeot interiors sometimes used to fail to match up to the exterior, the 207 range marked a major change of heart; the 207 SW's cabin is a genuinely pleasant environment, no doubt helped by the huge 'Cielo' full length glass roof that comes as standard.

The plastics are attractive and durable looking,



the neat gauges have chrome bezels on the higher grade Sport models and there is a lot of classy alloy detail, although the centre display surround reflects badly and sometimes interferes with the view through the windscreen.

I was rather disappointed that, for a car designed to compete with MPVs, there was not more interior stowage – the glove compartment is small and I could not find any decent space for CDs.

However, the boot is large for this class of car with a low loading threshold, while head and legroom for rear passengers is excellent – the cabin remains airy even with the electrically-

powered blind in place.

You also quickly forget any minor grumbles when driving the 207SW: it has a lovely engine and gearbox and the car carries over all the driver enjoyment of the main 207 hatchback range.

Grip is tenacious and the car keeps its poise on corners where a conventional high-set MPV would heel as if under sail.

If you enjoy driving, but have to yield to practicality for work, family, sport or canine reasons then this little Peugeot offers more than a small MPV, without a loss of style or street cred.

## DrivingStats

- Peugeot 207 SW 1.6 VTI 120 Sport £13,275.
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- Garage stats: 4.15m by 1.97m five-door estate/MPV.
- Powertrain: 1,598cc/120bhp four-cylinder petrol engine driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox.
- Performance: top speed 125mph and 0-62mph in 9.6 seconds.
- How green?: category-C (£115/year) road tax-150g/km CO2 emissions.
- Official fuel figures: combined 44.8mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 50 litres/10.9gallons.
- Insurance group: 7E.
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles.
- Website: www.peugeot.co.uk
- Rivals: Chevrolet Tacuma, Chrysler PT Cruiser, Citroen Xsara Picasso, Hyundai Matrix, Mercedes A-Class, Nissan Note, Renault Grand Modus, Seat Altea, Skoda Fabia Estate, Vauxhall Meriva and VW Golf Plus

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# Commute to town for free with green BMW

SOME car makers will trumpet their hybrids, others will spout the controversial merits of bio-power in the fight against global warming.

There is also hydrogen, but we don't have the space to go into that here.

But the message is getting through that a little effort here and little there may just be the way forward, which probably explains why this week's road test car has landed a string of 'green' awards.

These include New York International Auto Show 2008 'World Green Car of the Year' in the land of conspicuous gas-guzzling.

To be fair, the judges comprised 47 motor journalists from 24 countries so the award to the BMW 118d and the 'EfficientDynamics' package introduced across BMW 1-Series and MINI ranges, carries international clout too.


The BMW package allows recovery of energy otherwise lost in braking to recharge the battery, mostly sidelining the engine-sapping alternator.

Emissions and demands on power and fuel are also reduced by two further measures: electric power steering and 'Start-Stop'; the engine stops when the car sits in neutral – at the lights, say – and restarts when the clutch is depressed.

Furthermore, a gearshift change indicator is included to encourage economical motoring.

All of this enables the three and five-door 118d to record an impressive 62.8mpg on the

**DrivingReview**



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**BMW118d**



elsewhere though, commuting or not?

No. We borrowed a car from Broad Oak BMW, where sales manager Sam Pitchford confirmed a hefty take-up for the revised greener 1-Series, and soon found that its new environmental image had been seamlessly incorporated into the existing car.

Symbolically, our three-door hatch was in white and I found it hard to dish the dirt on it other than to remind myself that I still don't particularly like the styling, even if it works better for this body style than for the original five-door.

However, the car feels well constructed and, of course, handles beautifully in the 'BeeEm' tradition thanks to its front engine/rear drive balance.

Freed from some power-draining systems,

the two-litre engine – the nomenclature suggests 1.8, but cubic capacity is actually 1,995 – has loads of power if you want to drive it hard. That electric steering is also precise with good feedback, unlike some.

On the other hand, when you do want to cruise, the engine and smooth six-speed gearbox allow you to do so quietly and frugally.

The rear of the car is still not the most spacious in its class and getting in and out of there could be better, even in the five-door.

The ride on run-flat tyres is also rather unforgiving even if, by losing the spare, weight has been saved and returns some space lost to the car's rear transmission.

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## DrivingStats

- BMW 118d ES three-door £19,175
- Range: £16,185-27,205
- Garage stats: 4.15m by 1.97m five-door estate/MPV
- Powertrain: 1,995cc/143bhp four-cylinder turbodiesel driving front wheels through a six-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 130mph and 0-62mph in 8.9 seconds
- How green?: category-B (£35/year) road tax-119g/km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 62.8mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): \*\*\*\*
- Fuel tank: 51 litres/11.2gallons
- Insurance group: 11
- Warranty: three years/unlimited miles.
- Website: www.bmw.co.uk
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**3 SERIES**, 316i SE, 20521188, mystic blue, 25000 miles, £10000, Big Motoring World, otham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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# Current UK economic pressures fail to undermine van market

BRITAIN'S light commercial vehicle market remains robust despite gloom and doom predictions about the national's economy.

This is a major reassurance since demands for vans and light commercials have long been a barometer for the overall state of the nation's financial well-being – they are regarded as the 'oil' in the machine.

According to market analysts at Manheim's there is also healthy demand and bidding for used stock – a sure sign of confidence.

The experts note that average selling prices fell by £444, from £3,675 during the 3rd quarter of 2007 to £3,231 during the first quarter of 2008, but followed a lengthy period when there was not enough vehicle stock in the market to satisfy exceptionally strong demand, especially during mid-2007.

Manheim commercial vehicles sales director Alex Wright said: "This latest LCV Market Analysis Report from Manheim reinforces our belief that the market has remained robust despite the recent economic uncertainties however, it is also clear that following two years of exceptional performance in the LCV market, fuelled by shortage of used stock and high levels of demand, a price re-alignment was inevitable."

# Citroën van sister act

CITROËN is sweeping into the market with a radically changed small van line-up.

The first generation Berlingo – Citroën's most successful van model ever – continues as the 'Berlingo First' to avoid confusion with

this smart new successor arriving in June from £10,395 (ex VAT) (pictured bottom).

It is being offered with a range of load compartment door options, including single or twin sliding side load doors and has a smart

and versatile interior (pictured below left).

But the Berlingo sisters also have a new small sibling – the Nemo (pictured below) due in May and billed as the small van with the big heart.



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MANY people driving a van have no idea of correct speed limits, according to a new survey for Vauxhall.

Much of the problem stems from limits on vans varying from those of cars; for most van drivers and operators full knowledge of appropriate speed limits is usually second nature, but many ordinary motorists hire vans for private use without knowing the facts.

Of those surveyed, a staggering 85 per cent believed that vans of all sizes obey the same speed limits as cars and car-derived vans.

Fact is that while vans with a gross vehicle weight of less than 2000kg, such as the Vauxhall Astravan or Combo, are subject to the same speed limits as normal passenger cars, larger goods vehicles not exceeding 7.5 tonnes, but over 2,000kg, are subject to lower speed limits on single and dual carriageways.

All non passenger-carrying

vehicles of less than 7.5 tonnes share a maximum speed limit of 70mph on motorways.

The survey showed that of the 72 per cent of respondents who were incorrect in their knowledge of the correct speed on single carriageways, half believed they should not exceed 40mph while the remainder believed they were safe to drive at 60mph, the correct speed for cars, but not for larger vans which should be driven at no more than 50mph.

A similar view was held on dual carriageway limits; the correct speed for a van over 2,000kg is 60mph, but 28 per cent thought it should be 50mph and a further 24 per cent assumed it was 70mph – the same speed limit as in a car.

Results for motorway driving were split fairly evenly with 44 per cent correctly assuming it was the same speed limit as a car – 70mph, while 56 per cent mistakenly thought it should be a slower speed of 60mph.

## Astravan carries on winning

VAUXHALL'S popular Astravan continues to be a winner, having added the title 'best car-derived van' at the Professional Van and Light Truck Awards.

The new 'gong' joins two other major successes – the Commercial Motor Tester's Choice awards 2007 and coveted What Van? Editor's Choice in 2007.

PV&LT's judges singled the Astravan out as having "better load capacity and payload than anything else in the category" as well as remarking on its driver appeal.

The magazine's publisher, Tim Campbell, said: "From over 90 vans

assessed, the Astravan excelled among its rivals for its all-round ability and larger than average size, making it a very worthy winner."

Astravan production accounts for well over 12,000 vehicles a year from the Ellesmere Port

plant in Cheshire, home of the five-door Astra hatchback. It is a significant contributor to Vauxhall (General Motors)'s position as the UK's biggest producer of commercial vehicles, with more than 100,000 LCVs built in the UK last year.



## Toyota star's loyal following



OTHER van brands may dominate in sheer numbers, but the reliability and soundness of the Toyota Hiace panel van continues to enjoy a loyal following, particularly with owner-drivers/tradesmen.

The range was recently upgraded with the following:

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# More choice and options for 21st century van man



**INTERIOR:** The latest Toyota Hiace shows that vans are no longer the poor relations to cars in terms of driver comforts

VANS have been transformed swiftly in recent years.

Specifications, comfort, performance, economy and safety are now closely in step with cars; van drivers are no longer the poor relations of the road and some of this may be due to premium brands such as Mercedes-Benz entering the fray.

Size options have also expanded – ranging from around 3m<sup>3</sup> to over 17m<sup>3</sup> – with far better access too; at least one sliding door is fitted as standard, with the option of a second.

Furthermore, users can now choose between rear wing doors or a tailgate, while cab doors are now being designed with a reduced opening angle to make it easier to grab the handle when the door is fully open and reduce the risk of the door swinging wide and colliding with a wall, lamppost or another vehicle.

Petrol power remains an option, but

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has been eclipsed by the extra economy and range of four and five-cylinder turbodiesel units, plus their additional benefits from extended service periods, more modest maintenance costs and longer lasting parts.

The desire and pressure to be greener means operators also favour them for their particulate filters, which filter harmful carbon particles from their exhausts.

Diesel engine technology also continues to transform vans, with the 'common rail' diesel type reducing engine noise and driver fatigue, while delivering optimum performance, even better economy and massive pulling power from low engine speeds.

Commercial vehicle manufacturers and users alike are also excited by the



**QUALITY CONTROL:** The arrival of premium brands such as Mercedes-Benz with the popular Sprinter may have forced a hike in quality, comfort and safety across the van market

potential of a new alternative to common rail – unit injector technology, which supplies fuel at much greater pressure to boost efficiency and flexibility. Although still relatively new to the commercial vehicle market, the performance of these sophisticated power units is gaining widespread approval from customers and the press.

Five or six-speed manual gearboxes are usually standard, but some manufacturers now offer the option of automatic, semi-automatic or clutch-less transmissions to make driving easier for urban users. Already widely available in cars, the semi-automatic gearbox offers automatic or manual modes, while clutch-less transmissions perform more like a manual without needing a clutch.

On the safety front, most models now have the option of pas-

senger, side and front curtain airbags, as well as the driver's plus all the driver aids available on cars such as ABS, traction control and even electronic stability control or ESP.

Rather like another ESP – extra sensory perception – that last feature can work even more cleverly on a van by detecting the effect any load in the rear compartment could have on the van's handling, although it cannot help if the vehicle is pushed beyond its limits.

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## Kent group's 'bible for white van man'

VAN drivers can benefit from a new handbook released by the Tunbridge Wells-based Freight Transport Association.

The FTA Van Drivers' Handbook is billed as "the essential guide to ensuring the safe, legal and efficient operation of vans and light commercial vehicles".

The 78-page handbook is designed to give the van driver a quick and easy reference guide with chapters on:

- legal requirements
- customer care
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- safe use of the vehicle
- drivers' hours and records
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There is also a pull-out guide on the 'daily walk around check' – valuable guidance on what the driver should be looking for during a daily inspection of the vehicle.

An FTA spokesman, Lawrie Alford said: "Van drivers come in for a great deal of unfair crit-

icism regarding driving standards. However, Department for Transport accident statistics show that the van is the safest vehicle on UK roads – on a mile-for-mile comparison, vans are involved in just 24 accidents per 100 million vehicle-kilometres.

"That compares well with HGVs at 39 accidents per 100 million vehicle-kilometres and with cars at 67 accidents per 100 million vehicle-kilometres – almost three times more than vans.

"The van is the ubiquitous workhorse of the UK economy, with versatile and novel variations of vehicle design providing mobile and economic efficiency, hence the spectacular growth in van sales in recent years.

"The majority of van drivers are not full-time drivers, but driving represents an essential element of enabling them to do their job. As such, the new FTA publication provides anybody driving a van with need-to-know information in order to keep them safe and legally compliant."

The handbook is available online from Shopfta at [www.shop.fta.co.uk](http://www.shop.fta.co.uk) or by calling 08717 111111. Price: £6 for FTA members or £6.90 for non-members, with discounts available for multiple copies.

## Toyota launches ultimate Hilux

FEW challenges are left for Toyota's Hilux, a pick-up that has toughed it out in the world's most extreme environments for decades and last year made history by becoming the first car to drive to the Magnetic North Pole.

To underline its reputation, Toyota has now launched the ultimate Hilux – the most powerful production pick-up model on the UK market.

With numbers limited to just 500 units, it also promises to be one of the most sought-after too.

It is equipped with the 3.0-litre D-4D engine that already

features in the Hilux Invincible, but a Toyota Motorsport performance kit has boosted output to 194bhp and slashes the 0-62mph time from 13 to 10.5 seconds – 11.4 seconds for automatic versions.

The new Hilux is styled to reflect its lofty position in the pick-up market, with dedicated 15-inch alloys and stainless steel mesh grille. The cabin is finished in two-tone grey leather, with heated front seats.



## Warrior class helps Mitsubishi's 4x4 conquest

MITSUBISHI has become the champion of the 4x4 commercial sector in the UK through working versions of the Shogun series of off-roadners and, latterly, the rise of the L200 series of pick-ups.

The L200 owes much success to take up by private buyers who like the rugged styling and special upmarket versions such as the Warrior and Animal (pictured).

The latest incarnation of the L200 has also given the vehicle a stand-out look against rivals, by using a distinctive curvaceous cab design allied with the 'working end' – the pick-up load area.

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# Three firms at top of enterprising list

By **TONY PATEY**

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KENT rocketed to the top of the business league this week with not just one Queen's Award for Enterprise – itself a coveted accolade for any county outside London – but an incredible three.

Step forward Rochester-based BACTEC International, Westerham-based Aqualisa and Transmille of Tonbridge. BACTEC won its award for international trade with an outstanding export performance, and the other two were honoured for innovation.

The Queen's Awards, the UK's most prestigious and sought-after awards for business performance, are presented on the advice of the Prime Minister.

BACTEC, an explosive ordnance disposal and land mine clearance company, has seen a five-fold growth in earnings over the past three years to £11 million.

Formed in 1991, it has been directly involved with the disposal of more than 500,000 land mines and thousands of tonnes of unexploded ordnance.

It has cleared or verified over eight million square metres of

contaminated land across 40 countries, and clients include overseas governments, the UN, and international oil, gas and construction companies.

Overseas projects include land clearance of unexploded ordnance in Laos, where a 250-strong team of Laotians and Cambodians is clearing the ground of ordnance for the exploration and exploitation of minerals, and work in Cambodia, Mozambique, the Far East and the Middle East.

Bathroom company Aqualisa's revolutionary technology has produced digital showers which have been hugely successful, mainly thanks to 'intelligent' features such as wireless remote control, which lets you switch on your shower without getting out of bed, so the temperature is right when you leap in.

The firm has been based in Westerham for 30 years and employs almost 300 local people.

Managing director Harry Rawlinson said: "The award is the culmination of over a decade's research and investment, backed by our fervent belief that digital technology is the future of the bathroom.



**BRAVE:** Award-winner BACTEC International, of Rochester, has helped clear more than half a million landmines since 1991

"The secret of digital's success is its simplicity. We live in an age when everyone is entitled to a decent shower. Every bathroom, whatever the budget, can benefit from the technology."

Transmille, although it has only around 10 employees, is a major global force in a technology which touches just about everything in our lives – it's at the forefront of the development of calibrator design and calibration systems.

Batteries, gauges in cars, even the calibration on the garage pump which puts petrol in the

cars – the list is endless – all have to be accurately calibrated. And the firm is so good that it is one of the very few in the world supplying the technology, even to the Chinese and a big Far East market.

James Bailey, managing director, said that since the firm was started in 1997 it had grown year on year, and a secret of success had been supplying a full range of products which cover the whole electrical spectrum.

"We're proud to be one of the core of British firms coming up with ideas the world follows."



**NEW TEAM:** From left, Kevin Young, chairman Argyll Insurance, Alex Alway, group chief executive Jelf, Sam Mills, finance director Argyll, and Jerry Wilson, executive director Jelf.

## Firm insures brand future

ARGYLL Insurance (Holdings) Ltd, insurance brokers and financial services provider, which has offices in Gillingham, has been taken over by corporate consultancy Jelf Group plc in a deal with an initial consideration of nearly £10 million.

The aim is for Bristol-based Jelf to use Argyll as a hub for further acquisitions and organic growth in the South East.

Argyll will retain its own brand and continue to operate from its existing offices.

Kevin Young, chairman of Argyll, said: "The insurance market is changing rapidly with widespread consolidation.

"It was important for me to secure the long term future of Argyll and, by partnering with Jelf, we will be able to achieve business as usual coupled with increased opportunities for staff and clients.

"I will remain as chairman to ensure that our clients continue to receive the personal service they value while also benefiting from new services such as healthcare, employee benefits and commercial finance."

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INTERNATIONAL: Martin Jewiss, John Sims and Jason Dodd are second-time winners

## Creatif success

**CANTERBURY-BASED** New Creatif, the design and communication collective, recently scooped the international trade award for the second year running at the Channel Chamber's annual ceremony at Leas Cliff Hall.

The collective is made up of Martin Jewiss (MPJ Design), John Sims (Picture This Design) and Jason Dodd from Jason Dodd Photography.

In two years they have covered work for various companies all over France, their biggest client to date being French food company Autremere.

This involved a website, product photography, copywriting and design for the client which had to be done within a fortnight so Autremere could use the promotional items at a business show in Paris. And the food firm is now up for sale for a six-figure sum.

The collective has also hosted seminars in Dunkirk and Boulogne along with French marketing agency Clara Media; this was a significant part in them collecting the award.

Mr Dodd was also an official photographer for the 2007 Tour De France when it came in to the UK last July.

Earlier this month he was a finalist in the Invicta Chamber Awards Entrepreneur of the year category.

The trio, known in most business circles as the three musketeers due to their moustache-wearing antics at business shows and events, aim to make business promotion abroad a future priority.

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### Pillory Barn lands new marketing campaign

PILLORY Barn Creative, based in Maidstone television studios, has announced several new business wins. It has clinched the marketing campaign for Hazlitt Theatre and the Changeling's summer performances of Shakespeare in a three-way agency pitch.

Summer director Rob Forknall's A Midsummer Night's Dream will be taking place across Kent at venues including Boughton Monchelsea Place, Upnor Castle, Port Lympne and The Friars at Aylesford.

### Water firm springs to sponsor rally team

KENT'S oldest soft drinks manufacturer, the Silver Spring Mineral Water Company, has become an official partner of the Subaru World Rally Team in advance of the 2008 World Rally Championship.

Drivers Chris Atkinson and Petter Solberg will have Silver Spring drinks on hand.

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**IN BUSINESS:** Colin Harvey (left) and Mike Norrie, founders of newly created Castle Corporate Finance

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CHANGE management is an operation that draws on every corporate skill in equal measure. Any business that has made major structural changes in the past – by selling-off a part of its operations or by making an acquisition to fuel growth – knows it can be a delicate and potentially confusing process.

Experience linked with knowledge can help, and this is where long-term colleagues Mike Norrie and Colin Harvey came in with an idea to make the process less fraught with problems for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

Their new corporate finance house, Castle Corporate Finance, based in Tonbridge, aims to help clients achieve their corporate objectives by providing a bespoke, professional service.

Both have wide-ranging experience in advising business owners and have developed a straightforward, 'hands-on' attitude to business guidance.

Professionals from a wide range of disciplines have chosen to be linked with the company, so Castle offers an entrepreneurial approach, individually tailored to the needs of each assignment.

In fact, the team invests a considerable amount of time in understanding the needs of each project at the outset, to give clients an honest appraisal of the chances of achieving their objectives before making a commitment.

With expert skills in research, banking, accountancy and law, Castle's specialist team is fully independent of other professional firms and as such, is able to act as a reliable outsource for accounting and legal firms without their own in-house corporate finance specialists.

For example, the firm can help owner managers of businesses prepare for significant structural change, such as a sale to facilitate retirement or growing the business by acquisition of another company.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Small and medium-sized enterprises can now benefit from expert advice in the form of a new company. Set up by **Mike Norrie** and **Colin Harvey**, Castle aims to give business owners a 'hands-on' approach and honest appraisal of chances of achieving success

Here Mr Norrie (M) and Mr Harvey (C) talk to KOS Media:

#### Q Which deals have you learned a lot from in the past?

**A (M):** I have been involved in corporate mergers and acquisitions – so-called M&A – transactions for many years, across a variety of business sectors and through both good and tough economic conditions. I think one is always learning and each deal teaches us something new. Innovation is the key and finding a way round a seemingly intractable problem is a great challenge when there is a will on both sides to see the deal through.

#### Q What was the catalyst to setting up Castle?

**A (M):** I had my own practice for many years until the late 90s and Colin and I have since held senior positions in national accounting firms; however there remained an inherent desire to be masters of our own destiny and last year, we decided to go for it.

#### Q How do you relax?

**A (M):** In many ways. Running helps me to think, and for pure relaxation, taking invigorating walks, often with a pub somewhere along the way, or chilling out in the French countryside, where I'm able to immerse ourselves in the local culture, food and wine.

#### Q Apart from the money incentive, what sort of reasons have owner managers given for selling up? Are they ready to be millionaires?

**A (C):** There are many reasons. Retirement is the most common, the desire to reap the rewards of a lifetime's hard work. Sometimes, there is a realisation that the owners have taken the business as far as they are able to. In such cases, there can be an ongoing role for them to play in being part of a larger entity – a partial sale now and getting a second "bite of the cherry" later. I think most of our clients adapt to life after a successful sale quite well – some of them even start all over again.

#### Q Businesses can grow too fast, what advice do you give to impatient entrepreneurs who want to go on a buying spree?

**A (C):** Develop a well-considered strategy for the value it will bring to the existing business. Many acquisitions fail to deliver the expected results and this includes over-paying for the target and not considering how the newly acquired business will integrate with what they've already got. Make sure you get professional advice from a specialist firm like Castle.

#### Q How do you relax?

**A (C):** I'm also a walker. The Yorkshire Dales are a favourite venue when time permits, sadly not as often as I would like.



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### Growing success for award-winning farm

ONE Kent farmer has been hopping for joy after winning two awards and appearing in a television program since the start of the year.

The Hop Shop, on Castle Farm in Shoreham, Sevenoaks, was a finalist in a national competition to find the 2008 farm shop of the year. It couldn't get much better until the farm discovered it had won the Environment Awards for Kent Business for Sustainable Business Management. Following this recent success, the farm's renowned lavender has appeared in Tales from the Country. The Hop Shop can be found off the A225 (Sevenoaks to Dartford road), halfway between the villages of Shoreham and Eynsford and easily reached from the M25 junctions 3 or 4.

### Fisherman escape angling licence net

ROD sea fishermen are delighted now the government has abandoned plans for angling licences in the face of mass opposition from rural groups.

The sport is a popular pastime in areas such as Bexhill and Dover, and attracts tourists every year. Proposals to charge rod sea fishermen could have affected a million people in the UK.

The U-turn came in a written parliamentary answer to Martin Salter (Labour, Reading West) from the fisheries minister, Jonathan Shaw. Kent MP Shaw claimed that consultations with angling representatives were enough to convince him "not to proceed with enabling powers in the Marine Bill to introduce a sea angling licence."

Simon Hart, chief executive of the Countryside Alliance, said: "The decision to enforce sea angling licences was always an unnecessary layer of pointless bureaucracy that would have raised no money to improve the conservation of fish stocks, and would have been completely unenforceable. The future of fish stocks around UK shores will depend on proper management of commercial fisheries, not charging anglers to fish in the sea."

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# Identify community needs and get funds

By **TONY PATEY**[tony.patey@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:tony.patey@kosmedia.co.uk)

A RARE chance for rural communities in Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Swale and Thanet – they are being offered access to money to help improve local facilities with a special east Kent grant fund.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK) administers the £500,000 East Kent Rural Communities Small Grant Fund initiative on behalf of the Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust.

From that fund grants of up to £5,000 will be available to support projects based on local need that will make a real difference to life in rural communities.

In addition to the East Kent Rural Communities Small Grant Fund, communities that need to identify local issues are invited to undertake a "self-assessment" of what

their community lacks by preparing a Parish Plan.

A Parish Plan is a document prepared by local people based on an assessment of local need and includes an action plan which can then be carried out by the community itself, public bodies (e.g. police, parish, district and county councils and so on) or businesses.

In England, 36 per cent of parishes in England have produced a plan since 2001, while in Kent only 15 per cent of parishes in Kent have produced one.

Parish Plans should: Reflect the views of all sections of the community; identify a vision for how the community wants to develop, recognise which features and characteristics are valued by the community; ascertain local problems and opportunities; list the actions needed

to achieve the vision, and have local action plans to address social, economic, and environmental issues of concern to rural communities.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent is the Rural Community Council for Kent and Medway, founded in 1923, and a registered charity. Our aim is to excel in the provision of information and support communities in Kent to enable them to help themselves through action involving all sections of the community.

The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust was founded in 1969 and makes grants to charities and churches in Kent with the aim of improving the quality of life for local people.

Further funding and support to assist this process is also available through Action with Communities in Rural Kent on [info@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralkent.org.uk) or telephone 01303 850816.

Application forms and guidelines for both schemes will be available online at [www.ruralkent.org.uk](http://www.ruralkent.org.uk) from May 12.

## No horsing about when starting up

ANYONE wanting to set up an equestrian business needs a detailed, logically set-out plan – and the first point should be deciding on the 'type' of property you're looking for to suit your requirements.

Rural & Business Specialists, the rural and equestrian mortgage consultants, recommend you be flexible and look at several options. Competition is stiff and you need to look at alternatives that hold potential.

Ensure you have enough cash available – a deposit of 10 per cent is generally required at the point of exchange of contracts, and with lenders typically provid-

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ing funds for up to 70 per cent of the value of the property, you may have to find the difference of up to 20 per cent.

It is advisable to undertake a full detailed business plan in advance of approaching a lender. Be clear and concise in the objectives and focus specifically on how the busi-

ness will meet the mortgage repayments using transparent and robust assumptions.

Consider all fees which need to be paid. Research any new business to ensure that the enterprise is both viable and more importantly has planning permission to operate, and investigate building/development costs, planning permission, and stock etc for the business. Ensure that savings are available.

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Kingfisher, the Indian lager brewed on licence, won a Grand Gold Award with Palm Leaves in the category for Pilsen-style beers following scrutiny by industry judges. Spitfire Premium Kentish Ale, Shepherd Neame's premium ale, won a Silver Medal in the Pale Ale category.

They will both go on show at an exhibition and gala event in Vienna, Austria, in June.

Monde Selection is an independent international institute, and the world's oldest and most respected organisation in the field of quality selections.

# Take care to find out the funding rules

THERE were some changes to long term care funding rules last October that many people may still be unaware of, but before explaining them it may be useful to recap on the issues surrounding local authority assistance.

If someone has assets over £22,250 then the local authority will provide no help towards the cost of nursing care and the individual or their relatives will have to foot the bill. If the individual has less than £13,500 then the local authority will pay. There is a sliding scale between these two figures.

Assets in this regard include the private residence. Forced sale or borrowing against this will not be invoked if a spouse or close dependent remains in the house.

There are however two allowances that are not means tested.



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First, attendance allowance may be available for anyone needing assistance with things like getting in and out of bed, dressing and washing. This can be either £45.15 per week if assistance is only needed during the day or £64.50 if required day and night.

The second is the nursing care component, paid by the NHS in respect of the medical nursing they would have been responsible for had the person not been in a home. The changes regard this.

It used to be split into degrees of severity and there were three levels, with the top award being £139 per week and the middle and lower levels being £87 and £40 respectively. There is now just one band £101 per week.

If you are about to enter into care, or have a relative in care, it is always worth revisiting the allowances you can claim, as many people are not aware of what they are entitled to.

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Delegates can also sample the nearby The Hop Pickers pub, owned by the Holiday Inn Ashford North. It recently launched a unique

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new dining concept with the addition of a 'Stonegrill' cooking method.

The public house has undergone a refurbishment and added the new grill dining concept to its already popular carvery and traditional pub menu.

The grill offers a unique dining experience where cooking foods are served at the table on super-heated natural volcanic stones. These specially selected stones, chosen for their heat retention, are heated to 400°C in a purpose-built oven. Meals are presented within a protective ceramic tray and served sizzling.

Cooking on stones can be traced back to the Ancient Egyptians and Vikings. This unique dry cooking method uses no added fats and sears the food without burning, retaining a cleaner, purer taste that is not always achievable with conventional cooking.

General manager Joanne Stockbridge said: "The addition of the Stonegrill will really add to our menu offerings, as it is unique to the Hop Pickers in the Kent area and we are hoping to attract new diners, as well as offering something different to existing customers."



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Hop Pickers chef Tyrone McGee is already a fan of the Stonegrill after using it at a previous role at Salut Diner, which became the first restaurant in the UK to have the grill. He says: "You have to taste it to believe it. It is a great bit of kit. I have never ever had a customer criticising it – not one."

Alongside, the new Stonegrill, the tradition-

al pub menu also has a fantastic selection of choices including escalope of pork, Kentish roast duck and homemade steak 'n' ale pie.

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## Growth and output trends are going against the grain

SOME strange undercurrents of business activity in Kent in the face of economic uncertainty have been detected in a high level survey – job creation is high and firms are concentrating big time on mopping up backlogs of work.

Latest data from the South East purchasing managers index report signalled a dull performance of the region's private sector economy in March, with growth of output and new orders both slowing to the lowest rates since May 2003.

But input price inflation – the rate of rising prices on raw materials – eased back from February's high and the rate of job creation was the strongest for three months. According to the survey, produced for the Royal Bank of Scotland by NTC Economics, levels of activity in the South East also continued to rise at a moderate rate, although considerably weaker than in 2007.

Where growth of new business was detected it appears to have been linked to improved promotional activities and the launch of new products.

However, firms made considerable inroads into their unfinished business in March, as backlogs declined at the second-sharpest rate – down 6.7 points on the index – since the surveys began in 1999.

March data pointed to an increase in what firms charge for their goods, but the inflation of charges – the rate or acceleration of increase – slowed from the previous month's record survey high and was the weakest for five months.

# Make some financial new year resolutions to boost cash flow

## NEW financial year resolution for Kent firms – keep a tighter grip on cash flow.

That's the advice from Business Link in the wake of new research showing that ensuring prompt payment from customers is a key challenge for nearly half – 45 per cent – of companies in the South East.

"The old saying that 'cash is king' is as true now as it has ever been," said Business Link advice manager Chris Callander. "Money is no use to a business until it is in the bank – and it is poor cash flow that is the biggest single killer of otherwise viable businesses."

"Even companies that have never had any problem with cash flow or credit control need

to have systems in place. The loss of a major customer or events over which they have no control – such as the current credit squeeze, a problem that has its origins on the other side of the Atlantic – can have serious knock-on effects."

Business Link recommends that companies should have at least some of the following credit control procedures:

- Carry out credit checks on new customers before supplying them
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- Keep an aged debtors ledger so you can see at a glance who owes how much
- Two or three days before an invoice is due to be paid, phone to make sure payment is set to be made
- As soon as payment is due, send a statement
- After a fortnight, telephone or send a letter; if necessary follow this with a visit
- Consider charging interest on the late sum – as allowed under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998
- Make use of technology – send invoices by email (they won't get lost or held up in the post) and ask for payment by BACS
- CHAPS to prevent the risks associated with bounced, missing or lost cheques
- Carry out monthly cash flow forecasts, more often during leaner periods.

If cash flow forecasts show that money is likely to be tight in coming months, Mr Callander advises keeping your bank abreast of the situation and also considering options such as factoring and invoice discounting.



**ADVICE:** Chris Callander of Business Link recommends credit control procedures

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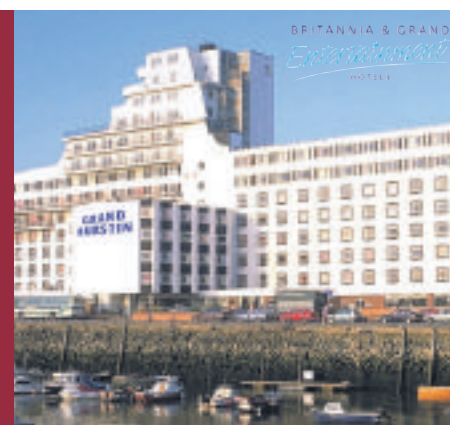
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BELIEF: Stimson says the Gills can rise next season

# I have no regrets, says Stimson

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson believes he will have to bring in players in the summer, whether they avoid relegation from League One or drop down a division.

Stimson arrived at Priestfield back in November to replace Ronnie Jepson, who this week took up a role at Huddersfield Town with another former Gills manager, Stan Ternant.

After six months in charge, the former Stevenage Borough manager has brought in 14 players to help the club rise up the division. However, the squad are only really starting to gel, with the club sitting in the relegation zone. Stimson remains positive that he will be able to turn the club's fortunes

around even if they drop to League Two.

He said: "I have no regrets and I was delighted when I was offered the job and I have enjoyed most of the times. Obviously I do not enjoy losing games, which we have done far too much this year.

"Most of the issues when I came here have been ironed out, which is good. There are still a few hanging about which I hope to sort out in the summer. Hopefully that will take care of itself and will help the club rise again next season.

"I have not thought about whether the squad is strong enough to bounce back. I will not think about that until the season is over. Like I say I am just thinking about

what I have got to do to keep Gillingham from dropping out of this division. If we were to stay at this level we will have to introduce a couple more players and likewise if we go down."

Gillingham have the tricky trip to Leeds United for their final game of the season next week.

They are fighting a legal battle to try and regain points, which were deducted at the start of the season in a 15-point penalty for going into administration.

He added: "The Leeds situation is out of my hands. I think it would be hard to give them back their points because it would be unfair on the teams around us."

## McGuigan's protégé

THE SON of boxing legend Barry McGuigan has emulated his father by winning the Ulster Amateur welterweight title.

Teenage boxer Shane McGuigan, who has only been in the sport for two years, overcame Cathal McCauley on points at Andersonstown Leisure Centre in Belfast on Thursday.

McGuigan, who is coached by his father at the Aylesham Boxing Club near Canterbury, clinched the title exactly 30 years after his father.

Four trainers from the club were part of a travelling contingent of support for the young fighter.

Club secretary Bob Thompson said: "We are very proud of Barry and particularly Shane. He has had some tough times this season with an ear infection that kept him out of the ABA championships.

"I am so pleased he has done it. He has only been boxing at the club for two years but has come through the junior ranks and now finds himself fighting against the seniors and winning."

## Addicks' £6m payback

CHARLTON Athletic will again give an estimated £6m back to the club's fans if they gain promotion to the Premier League in 2009.

The Addicks this week announced the extension of the club's free season-ticket offer for a second Championship campaign following the failure of Alan Pardew's men to qualify for this year's play-offs.

It means that supporters who secure their place at The Valley by the start of August, will get their season ticket the following campaign completely free of charge should the Addicks be promoted to the top flight.

Plc chairman Derek Chappell said: "The board felt that continuing the offer was the best way we could show our thanks to the supporters and encourage them to carry on their magnificent backing of the team next season."

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JOINT LEADER: Despite a win and second place at Thruxton, Shane Byrne was unhappy not to claim a brace of victories during last weekend's meeting at Thruxton

# Shakey sets stall out for title charge

## Race ace still not happy despite dominant display

By TOM HOWARD

THE LEADER of the British Superbike Championship, Shane 'Shakey' Byrne, is hungry for more success even though he secured a win and a second place in the opening round of the series.

The Sheppey rider ended all the hype with a dominant performance at the Thruxton Hampshire last weekend, with a pole position, a race win and a second place. Despite leaving the circuit joint leader of the championship with Honda's Cal Crutchlow, Shakey was not fully content.

He said: "You know what - I am not that happy with the results to be honest. I know that sounds daft but I was really up for a double win at Thruxton. The first race was tough but I managed to get the race win.

"The red flag in the second race cost me because I got a great start and went into the lead early on. I was pulling away when the flag came out. From the restart I got a bad start and it just took me too long to catch up."

Byrne is eager to secure the title this year and is fed up of reflecting on 2003 where he dominated the championship.

In the same year he won both races at Brands Hatch in the World Championship event as a wild card and has not ruled out repeating that performance this season.

He said: "I am really focused on trying to claim the British Superbike Championship, but if Air-

waves Ducati do want to enter the world round at Brands Hatch, I would want to compete in the event. As I say, the British championship is my goal this year and I am fed up with people talking about five years ago. I want people to be talking about me winning the title this year."

Shakey's team-mate, Ashford-born rider Leon Camier, made a solid start in his first race since his season-ending crash in August.

An injured Camier battled through the field to secure fourth in the overall standings, with fifth and fourth-place finishes in the two races.

Maidstone's Scott Smart had a difficult weekend, finishing 12th to clinch a single point in the second race.

Elsewhere, Formula One hopeful Mike Conway will begin his battle for the GP2 title today in the opening round of the season at Barcelona.

## Switched

The Sevenoaks racer switched teams in the close season and now is in the seat of Italian-based team Trident Racing. Conway believes the team can take him to the title and is hoping to follow in the footsteps of former champions Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton.

Also in action is Tonbridge racer Jay Bridger, who is looking to take the lead in Formula 3 National Class.

Bridger is competing in his first season of Formula 3 for Fluid Racing after a season in Formula Ford last year.

In the first round of the championship at Oulton Park last month, Bridger secured a second and fourth place.

This afternoon the 20-year-old will be racing at Yorkshire circuit Croft, as he battles to overhaul championship leader Andrew Mayrick.

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# 'England call-up is good news for spinners'

## Kent star welcomes chance for bowlers to shine and says captain Rob Key is also ready for international return

**B**EING chosen by the England selectors this week in their initial 26-man Performance Squad for the upcoming international summer was another big boost for me.

Having felt I had made some significant strides forward during the winter, first with my form on the England Performance Programme trip to India and then winning a call-up into Paul Collingwood's senior one-day squad in New Zealand, it was good to know the selectors are still pushing me forward.

At this early stage of the season it is a good feeling to see your name in such a squad; it also means England are keeping an eye on your performances, and that's even more of an incentive to keep working hard and getting quickly into the new season.

It's been a bit cold for us spinners in the first week or so of the season, mind you, but it is interesting to see the England selectors have chosen four specialist slow bowlers – Monty Panesar, Graeme Swann, Adil Rashid and myself – in the Performance Squad, so spinners are clearly in their plans going forward into the summer.

It was also great to see Rob Key named in the squad, because he has worked really hard to try to get back into England consideration and he is a top-class batsman.



With JAMES TREDWELL

He's begun the new season in excellent form, and once again the work he did with his long-term coach Noddy Holder out in Perth during the winter looks to have paid dividends.

Rob scored a lot of runs last season to show he had got over his shoulder problems, and I think he has grown in stature as a batsman and as a person over the past couple of years. If Peter Moores is looking for someone new to come in at the top of the England Test order, or anywhere in the top five really, then Key would be a great pick.

**L**osing our first Friends Provident Trophy group match against Essex last Sunday was a big disappointment, especially after being outplayed by Nottinghamshire in the opening county championship fixture which preceded it.

But in both games we didn't bowl as well as we should do, giving our opponents too

many four balls, and like last season – when we also lost our first couple of games – we paid the penalty for not getting out of the blocks fast enough. Notts seemed to be more ready for that first game than us, and their quicker bowlers were a bit better suited to the conditions.

Mark Pettini and Ravi Bopara both batted well for Essex last Sunday, but if we had prevented them from scoring 20 or 30 runs too many – which I think we really should have done – then their total would have been well within our reach with Martin van Jaarsveld also batting so brilliantly.

**T**he other thing which came out of the first week was clear evidence that Azhar Mahmood is going to be a fantastic signing for us at Kent. His bowling is very smart, and his batting can be a real force because – as he showed in those first two games – he can hit the ball out of the park.

From a personal point of view, it was very worthwhile being involved in the MCC versus Sussex season-opener the previous week. I even managed to get three cheap first innings wickets as we bowled out Sussex on the opening day, which was a nice bonus for April 10. It was a real shame that bad weather prevented what could have been a good finish on the last day.

Let's hope, finally, that temperatures improve a bit from now on. Even Matthew Walker, who has been around for a while, couldn't remember enduring colder conditions in a match than those we had at Canterbury during the Nottinghamshire championship game.

I hope supporters realise, though, that players having hands deep in pockets doesn't mean we're not interested – it's just that we have those squeaky mineral handwarmers in our pockets and it's the only way you can try to keep your fingers from freezing!

• **James Tredwell, the Kent off-spinning all-rounder, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**

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## Pink ball test to put new spin on cricket

**FIRST** there was the white ball and the coloured pyjamas of the 1990s, then the Twenty20 revolution at the start of the millennium, complete with paddles and reverse sweeps – and now we have the pink ball.

While cricket goes from strength to strength with the multi-million pound Twenty20 tournaments in India, the game is constantly evolving, with the purist left seemingly far behind.

Now the invention of a pink cricket ball could be coming to a ground near you. It was trialled at Lord's this week in a game between the MCC and Scotland to see if it could be used as a rival to the white ball used in limited-overs contests.

Former Kent and England spinner Min Patel was part of the MCC team that used the pink Kookaburra ball, and he found positives in its first outing.

He said: "To be honest, once the novelty factor went it was no different to using the red ball. It didn't really do anything different than the usual red Kookaburra and didn't really discolour any more either."



**FIRST OUTING:** Ex-Kent spinner Min Patel uses the new pink Kookaburra during last week's MCC v Scotland game

"It swung for the first 10 overs as it usually does for the white Kookaburra."

"I think it will be a benefit in England during April when games are played under gloomy backdrops, but the ultimate test will be what it is like under floodlights."

The criticism of the white ball is that it discolours midway through an innings and becomes difficult to see by both players and spectators.

It is now mandatory to change the ball after 35 overs of an innings.

MCC head of cricket, John Stephenson, felt the pink ball experiment was a success, although it will need to be tested in harsher conditions.

He said: "The pink Kookaburra behaved like a white ball when I bowled with it. After 50 overs the ball was still very visible. A bit of the pink dye had come off it, but all it had revealed was the white coating underneath, so we've made some progress already."

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# KEY BOWLED OVER BY BUG

## Mystery illness keeps captain off field

### ROB KEY FACTFILE

- **2002:** Made Test debut against India in Second Test, where he scored 17.
- **2002/03:** Toured Australia with England
- **2003:** Featured in the Tests against Zimbabwe
- **2004:** Played against West Indies where he scored 221 at Lord's in his first Test for more than a year
- **2005:** Dropped after series in South Africa but later named one of five Wisden cricketers of the year
- **2006:** Named Kent captain
- **APRIL 2007:** Subject of controversy after ball tampering affair in pre-season game with Nottinghamshire
- **AUGUST 2007:** Led Kent to victory in Twenty20 Cup
- **SEPTEMBER 2007:** Named captain of PCA team of the year after scoring 1,200 runs
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By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT captain Robert Key came down with a mystery virus this week that left him unable to move and meant he missed a county championship game for the first time in more than three years.

The skipper missed out on the game at Hove that finished on Saturday, after going down with an illness following the Friends Provident Trophy defeat to Essex last Sunday.

He said: "I woke up on Sunday and I couldn't move. I thought it was just the cold from the championship game and I managed to get through the Essex match, but once I was out it just seemed to get worse."

"I couldn't move my legs and I had no strength to even pick up a mobile phone. It was bizarre."

"I have had blood tests and chest scans but nothing appears to be wrong and I am starting to get some strength back in my legs, because I couldn't even drive before."

It is the first county championship game Key has missed for Kent since he played for England – more than three years ago.

He said: "I missed a few Twenty20 games last year but I can't remember the last time I haven't played in a championship game."

It feels weird seeing Kent play a four-day game of cricket and not being involved."

The Kent captain received some good news this week after was named in a 26-man England Performance Squad.

It essentially means Key, together with Kent spinner James Tredwell, are part of England's plans and he will battle with the likes of Andrew Strauss, Kevin Pietersen and Ian Bell for a place in the Test line-up.

He said: "It is nice to have a good indication that I am in the selectors' thoughts but I have been in this squad before and it is not like playing for England. What it does is gives you a jolt to say that you are not that far away."

#### Improve

"It is a nice time of year considering I have had only two hits so far and it is a real confidence booster."

"I came into this summer after spending the winter working on ways to improve as a player and how to get in the England team. All of a sudden you are a lot closer than you thought, but it will all count for nothing if I do not score heavily this summer."

The 28-year-old batsmen last appeared in a Test match during the 2004/05 series against South Africa.

Despite taking over the Kent captaincy and scoring plenty of runs, he appeared to be falling behind in the pecking order behind the likes of Pietersen, Alastair Cook and Paul Collingwood. However, a

successful campaign last time out saw him plunder 1,250 runs to put him back in the frame.

He said: "I never allowed myself to think I wouldn't get back, I always thought I would. I am always trying to be a better player and I am by an absolute mile compared to when I last played for England."

"If I have another chance I think I would learn from that."

Key admits his first go at Test cricket might have come too soon for him, but the experience of captaining the county has seen him develop.

He said: "Having been left out you have to work out how to do things differently. The captaincy at Kent makes you more responsible, as does being a father, and all that has made me a better player."

"It makes you grow up. Alastair Cook is already a mature batsman at such a young age, but when I was his age I was nowhere near as astute as he is."

"If I got another chance I would try and prepare for it the same way as I would for Kent, and not make too big a deal of it. I would just understand how big an opportunity it is and give it my best, rather than die waiting."

"If I did get a chance I would like to open as that is most natural to me, but beggars can't be choosers, you have to get runs and that's what I didn't do first time."

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